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Minutes of the 1056th Meeting

The Annual Banquet of the Chicago Coin Club was held December 13, at Marcello's Restaurant, 645 W. North Ave., Chicago with 31 members and guests in attendance. *Hors d'oeuvres* served during the cocktail hour were compliments of Steve Zitowsky and Bill Burd. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Feiler at 7 PM and Richard Hamilton delivered the invocation.

The unopposed slate of officers were elected by acclamation and sworn in by Clifford Mishler. Officers for 2007-08 are: President Robert Feiler, First Vice-President Jeff Rosinia, Second Vice-President Lyle Daly, Archivist Bill Burd, and Directors: Eugene Freeman, Elliot Krieter, Carl Wolf, and Mark Wieclaw (Immediate Past President).

Bill Burd presented the Annual Cabeen Awards for monthly exhibits to: Lyle Daly, first place; Mark Wieclaw, second place; and Honorable Mention: Don Dool, Robert Feiler, Eugene Freeman, Robert Leonard, Winston Zack, and Steve Zitowsky.

Lyle Daly introduced the evening's speaker, Clifford Mishler, Iola, WI. Cliff is the Chairman of the 2007 Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association held in Milwaukee. Cliff delivered an entertaining talk comparing the 1950 ANA Convention held in Milwaukee with the cost of living then to now. Of the 460+ convention-goers in 1950, nearly all attended the banquet, and 80 were members of the Chicago Coin Club. Cliff closed his remarks with an invitation for every member to attend the 2007 event on August 8-12. Lyle Daly presented Cliff with an engraved speaker's medal and an ANA Educational Certificate.

Carl Wolf showed a small blanket made from the WWII concentration camp uniform of Joe Sochon, his father-in-law. The blanket included Mr. Sochon's original political prisoner patch and his serial numbers from two camps embroidered on each side.

Robert Feiler presented the Club with 200 metallic cards showing a

reproduction of the rare 1914 membership card from the American Numismatic Association Branch No. 1, the Club's predecessor. The opposite side of the 3.5" X 2" card appears like a membership card and is suitable for engraving. The replica was produced at Mech-Tronics, suburban Melrose Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Description of Donated Membership Cards

The membership cards are made from .020" thick 1/2 hard brass material. The engraving on both sides of the card was produced using the photo chemical etching process that used Hydrochloric acid to eat away or etch selected areas or images.

The brass sheets were cut or sheared down from 4 foot X 8 foot sheets to a manageable size of approximately 8" X 11". These brass sheets were then mechanically cleaned and passed through a laminating type machine that used heated rollers to apply a coating of blue photo sensitive (resist) material that resembles blue saran wrap.

An Auto Cad engineering software system was used to create the layout of the photo tool, which in turn was generated on a laser photo plotter. The reverse was developed using a scan of the 1914 membership card that was in the November club auction. The coated sheets were then placed into a photo master (tool) that in turn is placed into an ultra violet (co-light) machine that exposes the photo master image onto the coated brass sheet. The next step involved a developing/processing machine that does the preliminary image etch.

The last step was passage through the conveyorized machine used for brass, copper, phospher bronze and beryllium copper. The combination of the acids and speed through the machine caused the selected images to be etched from both sides of the sheet.

The final steps were soaking the sheets to remove the remnants of the riston, and then snipping the parts out of the sheets.

Bob Feiler

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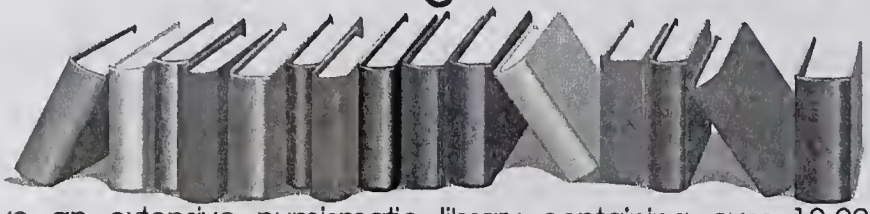

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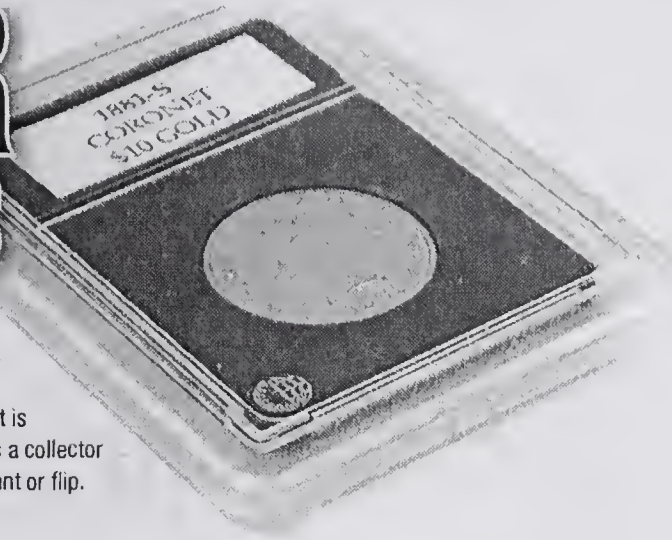

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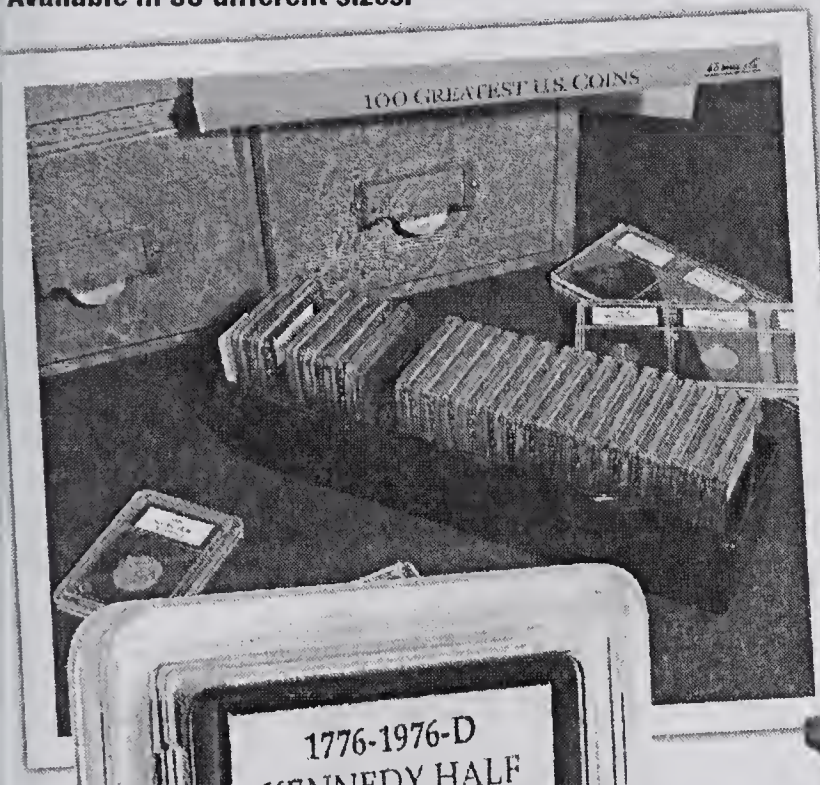

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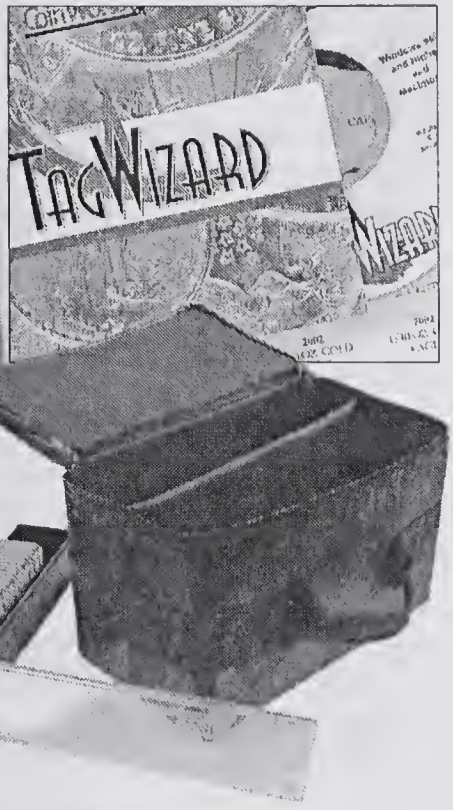

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To the Members of the Chicago Coin Club,

I wanted to publicly thank the members of the Chicago Coin Club for the 2007 Cabeen Award. It means a great deal to me as it was awarded to me by a remarkable group of numismatists for whom I have tremendous respect. I am doubly grateful to the members for both the award and the education I have received over the years from this same group of individuals. Without your scholarship and example I would not have been enabled to participate in the monthly presentations.

Thank You,
Lyle Daly

Our 1057th Meeting

Date:	January 10, 2007
Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Downtown Chicago At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*
Featured speaker:	Rich Hall - *U.S. Type I Liberty Head $20 Gold Coins* Type I $20 gold coins are also known as "No Motto" double-eagles. Minting for general circulation began in 1850 as a direct result of the California Gold Rush and ended in 1866 at the end of the Civil War when the motto "In God We Trust" was added to the reverse. Rich will tell the diverse role this coin played in history and include stories from the California Gold Rush, shipments lost at sea, the "Panic of 1857," and the Civil War. He will cover some of the minting varieties and other items of interest to collectors.

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Birthday and Year Joined

February	2	Tillie Boosel	
February	9	Steven G. Zitowsky	1991
February	16	Donald H. Dool	1998
February	25	Walter Pershke	1968

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The 1057th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Robert Feiler at 7:00 PM in the 6th floor conference room, Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn. In attendance were 22 members and 2 guests, Kurt Hyde and John Whitfield.

The December Minutes were approved as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported November-December revenue of $3,503.10, expenses $2,026.71 and income $1.476.39. He also reported 2006 calendar year revenue of $7,082.78, expenses $4,053.19, income $3.029.59 and total assets $12,013.01. The reports were approved as read and Lyle Daly volunteered to audit the annual report.

A motion was passed to nominate club members Joseph Boling, Don Dool, and Wendell Wolka for the 2007 ANA Board of Governors. The membership application of John R. Whitfield, Anderson, SC received first reading.

The featured speaker of the evening was Richard Hall on the subject *U.S. Liberty Head 20 Dollar Gold Coins*. The program included a history of the California Gold Rush, the establishment of the San Francisco Branch Mint, and the shipwrecks that held many Type 1 coins. The ships covered included the S.S. Yankee Blade, S.S. Central America, S.S. Brother Jonathan, and the S.S. Republic. Using digital images, Rich showed a chart with the levels of rarity, dates and mintmarks, and images of master hub varieties, plus other major and interesting rarities. Rich created and presented in handout form Type 1 Coin Values Price Trends 2003-2007.

Exhibitors for the evening were: MARK WIECLAW – a 2006 $50 gold buffalo used a pocket piece, commemorative half dollar pulled from a 90% silver bag, and a Hadrian (117-138 AD) cistophorus tetradrachm of Ephesus over struck on an Augustus tetradrachm; JOHN CONNELLY – a review of a variety of modern commemorative coins that included the 2006 Silver Buffalo, 2005 Chief Justice John Marshall, 2006 Benjamin Franklin Scientist, and 2006 Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary; RICH HALL – a severely corroded 25-cent silver coin from the S.S. Central America, and a ceramic

inkwell from the S.S. Republic; ROBERT D. LEONARD, JR. – compared 2 large copper coins (247-146 B.C.) of the Ptolemaic Kingdom with 2 much smaller copper coins (277-164 B.C.) from the Seleucid Kingdom; JASON FREEMAN – 2007 1-oz. silver Australian coin showing the lunar boar; ROBERT WEINSTEIN – plated counterfeit drachm of Indo-Greek Antialkidas, plated counterfeit drachm of Indo-Scyth King Maves, plated counterfeit half stater of Lydia, bronze copies of denarius coin from Septimus Severus and Faustina, plus a barbarous silver denarius of Faustina/Antonius Pius; EUGENE FREEMAN – political upheaval in Portugal shown on an undated (1799-1816) 80-reis, 1812 400-reis, 1814 1-macuta from Angola, 1813R XL-reis and 1817R 960-reis from Brazil, an undated (1828-34) 1-tanga from the City of Goa in Portuguese India, and 1821 400-reis from Saint Thomas & Prince; ROBERT FEILER – 3 Costa Rican 10-colones coins in different metals, 7 Costa Rican coins, all with different denominations from 2-100 colones, a 13-coin U.S. type set for half cent through 50-cents, and an update on the coins salvaged from the S.S. Republic shipwreck; WINSTON ZACK – 1795 Flowing Hair half dollar certified by ANACS; ROBERT KULYS – 3 Austrian 1780 Maria Theresa silver thalers 1930 5-pengo from Hungary, 1933 20-frances from France, 1946 25,000-Lei from Romania; DON DOOL – bimetallic copper/gold bimetallic coin from 6th century Axum, 1539 pfennig from Hesse-Wimpfen, a 1622 6-pfennig from Dulmen in Westphalia, 1-kreuzer Weissenburg am Sand; JEFF ROSINIA – circulated coins and currency from the Bahamas, 1971 Bahamian coin set in official holder, and an elongated Bahamian cent with a Saint Thomas imprint; LYLE DALY – 1837 Feuchtwanger Cent presented to U.S. Congress but never approved, 3 medals from the Boston Latin School and engraved to William Joseph Dunn in 1941, '42 and '43, the book *Rome* by M. Rosoutzeff.

John Whitfield, Anderson, SC showed a 1925 Stone Mountain commemorative half-dollar. He explained you're not a coin collector in the south unless you own a Stone Mountain half-dollar. Whitfield read a letter from the President of the Anderson Area Coin Club and told that with the presentation of this coin to the Chicago Coin Club from the Anderson club, Chicago collectors are now coin collectors in the south as well. President Feiler accepted the gift on behalf of the Club and reciprocated by presenting the Anderson club a set of 10 different CPMX souvenir cards featuring the image and history of Chicago banknotes.

Old and new business was abbreviated with no motions made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

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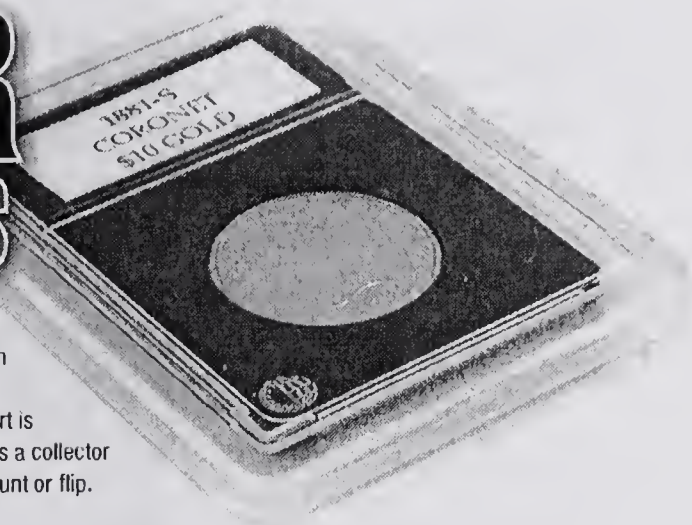

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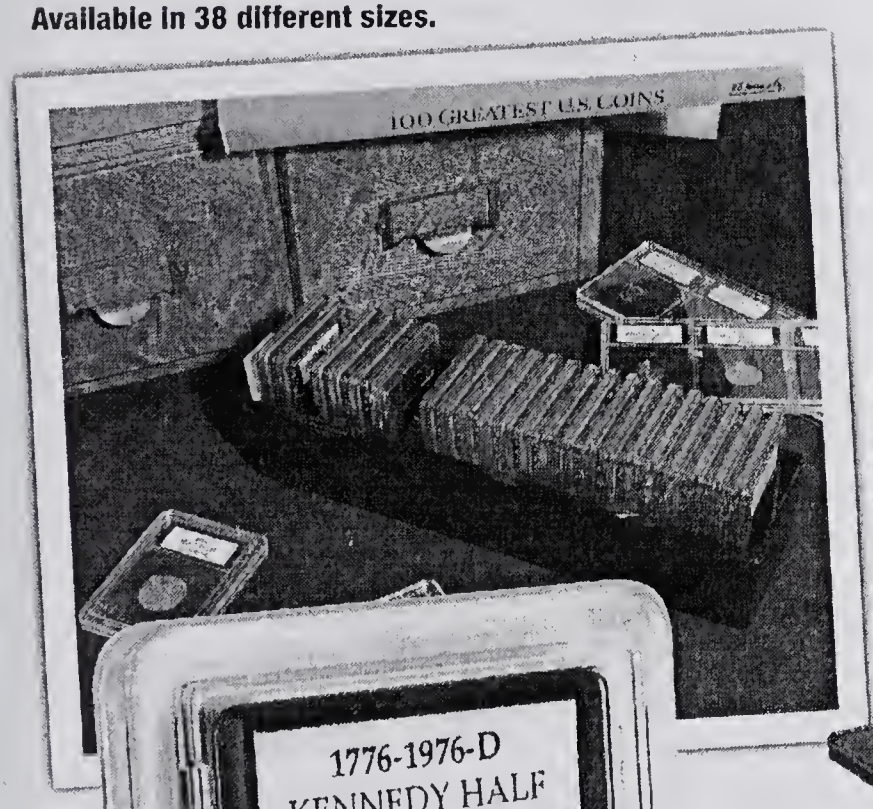

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Letter to the CCC

Anderson Area Coin Club
Anderson, South Carolina

January 10, 2007

The Chicago Coin Club, founded in 1919, is a club with a long and honorable history. The Anderson Area Coin Club is a newly formed club with a great interest in numismatics. We hope our club can learn much from the Chicago Coin Club.

Our club would like to present to the Chicago Coin Club a coin that we hope you will enjoy. In presenting this commemorative half dollar to your club, there is a short story about this coin.

Back home, we have a saying about that of being a coin collector in the south. That is, "you cannot become a coin collector unless you have a Stone Mountain half dollar in your collection." It does not matter as to the condition of the coin as long as you have at least one Stone Mountain. Many of our coin club collectors try to have at least one Stone Mountain half dollar in their collection. This custom makes for good conversation and fellowship among our coin collecting friends.

With this in mind, we would like to present to the Chicago Coin Club members from the Anderson Area Coin Club, a 1925 Stone Mountain commemorative half dollar. You are now coin collectors in the south as well. We hope that this can be the beginning of a long and lasting friendship with your club. We greatly respect the Chicago Coin Club with its long history of being in existence. The knowledge in numismatics that your club has accumulated over the years can never be duplicated.

W. Thomas Burriss
President
Anderson Area Coin Club

Speaker's Wor[l]d
U.S. Liberty Head 20 Dollar Gold Coins

by Rich Hall
Presented to our January 10, 2007 meeting.

Member Rich Hall began his presentation with a description of the three basic types of U.S. 20 dollar gold pieces. These are distinguished by their reverse design:

- Type 1 does not have the motto "In God We Trust" and the denomination is "Twenty D."
- Type 2 has the motto "In God We Trust" and the denomination is "Twenty D."
- Type 3 has the motto "In God We Trust" and the denomination is "Twenty Dollars."

It was in March of 1849 that Congress authorized the mint to produce $1 and $20 coins. The Double Eagle was authorized to convert the riches of the California gold fields into coinage for the nation. The discovery of gold in Sutter's Mill precipitated the California Gold Rush. Rich relayed that Sutter was a successful businessman in California but a fugitive from Switzerland. Sutter was a successful land speculator who wished to keep the news of gold under wraps. Sam Brennan is attributed as the first source of the news and word spread rapidly. Soon San Francisco was abandoned by those seeking their fortune in the gold fields of California. Soldiers deserted, ships were abandoned due to lack of crew. Many ships were left with cargo unloaded. Some ships were converted to residences.

James Polk confirmed to the nation in his speech to Congress of December 5, 1848 that there were indeed vast riches in the Sierra Nevada and Northern California Gold Fields. The nation was told of his speech by the newspapers of the day. *The Star and Banner* of Gettysburg dubbed the discovery "The New El Dorado." Fortune seekers traveled by land across the nation, by sea to Panama for a land crossing and by sea again, and finally by sea around Cape Horn (Tierra del Fuego).

At the end of the war with Mexico a huge tract of land was ceded to the US by Mexico and in 1850 California was granted statehood. The new senator from California, seeking to promote the wealth of his state, proposed to Congress $100 and $10,000 gold coins. To address the influx of gold and convert it to coinage, Congress approved the San Francisco mint on June 3, 1852 but it would not begin production until 1854. An assay office for New York was

also approved on March 4, 1853.

Rich noted that no discussion of California gold is complete without mentioning shipwrecks:

The SS Yankee Blade hit a reef and sank on October 1, 1854 and was discovered in 1977. $154,000 of face value was on board and recovered. The provenance of these coins is questionable. All coins were believed to have been $20 1854s and are identified by appearance.

The SS Central America was lost in a hurricane on September 12, 1857. On board were over $400,000 in face value of coins bars and nuggets. Most coins were dated 1857s. These articles were conserved, slabbed and marketed in 2000. The loss of the Central America is a contributing factor in the Panic of 1857 by depriving the East coast of gold reserves to redeem bank notes. This resulted in a bank holiday referred to as "Suspension Day".

The SS Brother Jonathan sank on July 30, 1865. Most coins recovered were from, but not limited to, 1863, 1864 and 1865 from the San Francisco mint. There were few survivors. A will was found encased in oil cloth on the body of a victim that recounted the event. Also on the ship was William Logan, recently appointed Superintendent of the U.S. Mint in The Dalles, Oregon. Mr. Logan was to oversee the construction of the mint which was never completed.

The SS Republic sank on October 25, 1865. The ship was carrying coins of various dates in both silver and gold, and supplies intended to fund and assist the reconstruction of New Orleans after the civil war.

Gold coins recovered from these wrecks are in a remarkable state of preservation. This is attributed to the limestone formations in the area of the Central America. And in the case of the Brother Jonathan, many items were encased in oil cloths and Marine encrustations.

Rich discussed the major varieties of the $20 Liberty coin, mentioning the following:

1849 Pattern in the Smithsonian	1 known
1854S Proof also in the Smithsonian	1 known
1861 Paquet reverse	2 known
1854O & 1856O	less than 30 each known
1855O, 1859O &1860O	less than 100 each known
1861S Paquet	less than 100 known
1853/2 Overdate	less than 200 known

1854 Large Date	less than 200 known
1861O Last of New Orleans mint Type 1s	less than 200 known
1866S No Motto	less than 200 known
1859S Doubled-Die Obverse	Quantity surviving unknown

Rich closed his presentation by citing the curiosity that contemporary counterfeiters cut $20 coins in half, hollowing them out to "harvest" the gold, and filling and resealing the halves with platinum which was inexpensive at the time. This prompted the director of the mint to suggest eliminating the $20 coins in 1867.

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Time: 7:00 PM

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Featured speaker: Paul Robertz - *Distinguishing Fine Differences of Lower Grade Coins*

Paul Robertz is a serious student of grading for many years and will cover the fine points of the lower grades. Although collectors are told to buy coins in as high a grade as they can afford, they still hold more lower-grade coins in their collections than Mint State grades. This is particularly true with collections of early American coinage. Robertz will use Barber coinage and Liberty Head nickels to illustrate the different degrees of wear and characteristics that assign a grade to a coin.

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March	19 Charles Ricard	1963
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Minutes of the 1058th Meeting

The 1058th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Robert Feiler at 7:00 PM in the 6th floor conference room, Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn. In attendance were 17 members and 3 guests, Kurt Hyde, Robert Wallace and David Gumm.

The January Minutes were approved as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky's report was approved as read showing January revenue of $245.00, expenses of $244.71, and income $0.29.

Following the second reading of the application for membership of John R. Whitfield, Anderson, SC, a motion was made and passed to accept him into the club. First reading applications were held for Robert W. Wallace and Kurt Hyde.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to nominate Clifford Mishler, club life member, for ANA governor in the 2007 election. The secretary read the following: Whereas, Chester Krause is a numismatic pioneer and giant who through his publications disseminated knowledge immeasurably benefiting Numismatics, it is the unanimous recommendation of the Chicago Coin Club's Board of Governors to set aside, in this instance, the long tradition of nominating only CCC members and submit the nomination of Chester Krause for Governor in the 2007 ANA election. A motion was made and unanimously passed.

First Vice President Jeffrey Rosinia introduced the featured speaker, Paul Robertz on the subject of *Distinguishing Fine Differences of Lower Grade Coins*. At the conclusion, Rosinia presented Robertz with an engraved Club medal and an ANA Educational Certificate.

Exhibitors for the evening were ROBERT LEONARD: 4 coins advertising politically incorrect entertainment (1875-1975) from Woods Minstrels, Parisian Varieties, Club Dutch Mill and 10 Beach Drive Cocktail Lounge; DONALD DOOL: 2 paces. octavo 1/8 real from Colima, a 1793 sol from the siege of Mainz, an unlisted variety on a 16th century coin from Siena a city in

Tuscany, and a 1644 ¼ stiver from DEI-Batavian Republic; EUGENE FREEMAN: 1856-S U.S. half dollar with countermark, 1730 British Evasion half-penny token, 1832 U.S. dime with 2 countermarks, and 1892-micro O U.S. half dollar; MARK WIECLAW: Vietnamese gold tael, sterling silver coin holder for nickels, 2007 U.S. silver eagle seals from West Point, Chicago Numismatic Society 1910 aviation medal in silver, 3 coins (tremissis, hexagram and solidus) from Byzantine Emperor Justinian II showing the first coin portraits of Jesus Christ; ROBERT KULYS: 9 different recently purchased thalers; ELLIOT KRIETER: presentation to everyone in attendance a 2007-D Washington presidential dollar which is to be officially released the next day; KURT HYDE: a silver denarius of C. Cassius Longinus (63 B.C.) showing a Roman casting a ballot; WINSTON ZACK: low-grade type coins 1847 seated liberty dollar and a 1795 flowing hair half dollar; ROBERT WEINSTEIN: 5 coins from the Roman Empire a silver siliqua of Constantine II as Caesar from the Siscia Mint, bronze coin commemorative of the city of Constantinople, bronze coin showing Helena wife of Constantine the Great as *Nobilissa femina* from the Thessalonica Mint, silvered bronze coin of Constantine II as Caesar from the Constantinople Mint, and a bronze coin commemorative of the City of Rome; ROBERT FEILER: newly acquired box thalers made from 1859 Prussia and 1895 Germany coins; LYLE DALY: U.S. 3-cent pieces 1853-type I, 1858-type II, 1861-type III, 1865 and 1868 nickel.

Under business the membership authorized spending $300-$400 for an imprinted table throw for use at local conventions. Design and color choices are to be submitted to the Board of Governors for final approval. Paul Robertz reported a source with equipment that can convert beta tapes onto DVDs. A motion was made and passed authorizing $100 expenditure for the source's time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

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Speaker's Wor[l]d
Distinguishing Fine Differences of Lower Grade Coins

by Paul Robertz
Presented to our February 14, 2007 meeting.

Are you ready for a slabbed coin with an AG3.3 grade? That grade was just one aspect that Paul mentioned while reviewing his work on developing grades for well worn coins.

Paul discovered the importance of grading only **after** completing a set of GEM Franklin half dollars. Another collector burned by investment hype. He enjoyed the hobby, so his new specialization would involve coins that were not suited for investment promotions, coins that were: small, considered ugly and boring, and affordable enough to complete a series in a year or two. That brought him to the dime, quarter, and half dollar of the Barber series (1892-1916).

Before showing us his new grades, Paul briefly summarized the history of grading U.S. coins. The first coin collectors used adjectives to grade a coin: good, fine, and extremely fine sufficed for circulated coins, and there was only one uncirculated grade. William Sheldon, in *Penny Whimsy* in the 1950s, introduced a numeric grading scale for Large Cents; the grades were from 1 (basal state) to 70 (perfect). The original idea was that the value of a particular coin would be the grade times the price for a coin in the basal state. That pricing relationship quickly broke down as high grade coins appreciated faster in price than did low grade coins, but the 1 through 70 scale was adopted by other groups and exists to this day.

Paul reviewed the introduction of more "intermediate" grades by the different services over the past 30 years. All numbers from 60 to 70 now are used as the uncirculated grades, with "investment grade" coins starting at 65. Paul is fascinated by the lower grade coins, and the working title for his grading ideas is "Barber Whimsy."

To those who say, "Barbers are easy to grade," Paul agrees for the grades from Good to the lower uncirculated grades. But while others lump together all heavily worn pieces as "average circulated," Paul has developed some "not yet established" grading standards.

While the grading services use only a 3 grade for About Good, Paul uses 3.0, 3.3, 3.5, and 3.7. One of the criteria used by his standards for About Good is

the percentage of peripheral devices (such as letter tops, stars, or wreath) that have merged into the rim. The requirements also use the presence of Liberty&38217;s eye and ear. Those areas are also used in his definitions for his two Fair grades (2.0 and 2.5) and his two Poor grades (1.0 and 1.5).

The above grades are just further refinements of the existing grades, something that has been happening in the higher grades for some time. Paul also developed grades below Poor 1.0, and he showed us examples of each:

Type	0	Date and mintmarks are obliterated. Identifiable only by type.
Denomination	-1	Worn to a smooth planchet. Only its metal and denomination suggest the denomination.
Metal	-2	Identifiable only by its metallic composition. It may no longer be circular, but it must not be damaged.

The shown piece that graded -1 was a 2 Cent piece; parts of the 2, R, and wreath might still be identifiable, or maybe they were just strategically placed bag marks. Paul does not believe in net grading for Barber coins. (Net grading is a two-step method of grading damaged coins: first determine the grade based upon only the wear, then deduct some number of points for the damage. The number of points to deduct for a certain amount or type of damage is the sticking point.)

We will never agree on all grades because we will never agree on all possible variations of the requirements. For example, while some collectors want three letters of LIBERTY to be complete for a given grade, other collectors accept two complete letters and two partial letters.

Many Barber collectors now use a new designation: circulated cameo, for when there is contrast between the fields and devices. But even common G-4 coins are not safe from coin doctors, as some coins with stained fields have appeared. Although collectors usually try to form a registry set of slabbed coins with the highest possible grades, some collect Poor-1 coins on eBay. Paul showed a picture of a 1976 Eisenhower, slabbed as PO01, that had sold on eBay for a surprisingly large amount.

Paul admits that most people do not consider it worth their time and effort to distinguish between common date AG 3.3 and AG 3.5 coins. Few would pay to have such a coin slabbed. But the study of a large number of well worn coins is possible only with the common coins. The resulting finer grading scale could be useful to collectors of the few coins (1793 Chain Cents or Draped Bust Half Dimes for example) that are not often available in grades above Good. The prices of these rarities are significant enough to justify differentiating between the various degrees of AG or Fair.

Our 1059th Meeting

Date: March 10, 2007, **First session**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: At the Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.

Featured speakers: Clifford Mishler & Chester Krause - *Wisconsin Paper Money*

Chester Krause collected Wisconsin paper money for over 50 years and assembled an impressive collection in excess of 1,500 pieces. His collection will make up a 170-case exhibit at this summer's American Numismatic Association convention in Milwaukee. Never before has such a large currency collection from a single state gone on exhibit anywhere. Everyone attending this meeting will hear Chet Krause show and discuss some of Wisconsin's rarest issues and relate stories on building a single state collection second to none.

Date: March 14, 2007, **Second session**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Featured speaker: David Baeckelandt - *Chicago Financial Firsts*

Despite its brand as the "Second City," Chicago is, in fact, the birthplace of a vast array of financial innovations including modern accounting, modern investment banking practices, modern underwriting due diligence, and modern stock evaluation techniques. Chicago has spawned innovations in insurance, investment management theory and IPOs; personal finance and pensions; capital markets, charting, and commodities; and much more. At one point, in the early 1930s, Chicago's dominance in practical and innovative finance was such that press reports cited serious discussions to relocate the NYSE to Chicago. Illustrating his arguments with certificates and financial documents from his collection, David Baeckelandt will chronicle the evolution of Chicago's Financial Firsts.

Introducing a New Section

Club members are invited to submit entries for this new section of the *Chatter*. This is for the benefit of club members who attend our regular meetings.

A member can BRIEFLY list (a two-printed-line limit) what he or she will bring to our meeting; this could be for sale, exhibiting, etc. Why publicize your exhibit? To have other members bring in similar or complementary material. The deadline for submitting a note is two weeks before the month's regular meeting. Send it to: chatter_editor@yahoo.com

Will Bring - March 14

Phil Carrigan -- *Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of US and Colonial Coins*; dust jacket and binding in perfect condition; asking $50.

Show and Tell

Items shown at our February 14, 2006 meeting.

1. **Bob Leonard** showed four coins advertising types of entertainment that are now politically incorrect.
    - A token, good for 25 cents, at the Wood's Minstrels Theater which was established in 1857. In response to a question, Bob gave an overview of a minstrel show. He also showed an ad from a New York paper, listing the acts. Although not a coin, this silver piece from the 19th century is the size of a U.S. quarter and has the same fineness.
    - An 1875 U.S. half dollar counterstamped for the *Parisian Varieties* at 16th Street and Broadway, NY. An 1876 article from the NY *Times* listed the attractions. Then Bob related that the police closed it a month later.
    - A silver dollar with a label advertising the Club Dutch Mill in Jacksonville, FLA. Gambling was allegedly available in a back room. (Once counterstamping was made illegal, advertising labels were placed onto coins.)
    - A 1964 nickel with a pink label making it worth 50 cents (for men only) at an establishment at 10 Beach Drive in St. Petersburg, Florida.
2. **Don Dool** attended the Money Show of the Southwest in Houston the previous month; he exhibited there and showed us his award. Then he

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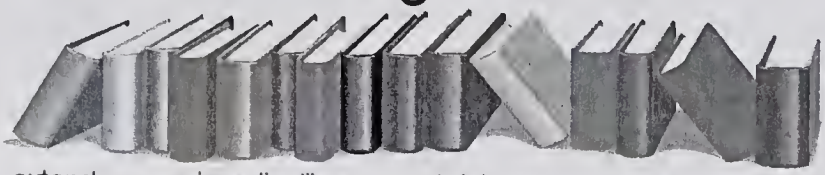

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Banknotes and Coins of Israel 1927-2006 by Yigal Arkin

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Numisworthy (Old Numismatic News) 1752-1800 by Eric Leighton

Las Primeras Acunaciones de la Casa de Moneda de Santiago de Chile 1749-1772 by Carlos Leon Jara M. & Alan K. Luedeking

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showed some items that he acquired there.

- An 1814 one-eighth real, in copper, from Calima. It is uniface, and he bought two for $15; too bad the other piece bore no identifying mark.
- A 1793 1 sol from the siege of Mainz with a clip, and also with an extra piece of metal at a different point on the rim.
- A well-worn unlisted variety of a coin from Siena, a city in Tuscany. The reverse legend is *civitas virginis*.
- A 1644 half stuyver from the Batavian Republic.

3. **Eugene Freeman** was at a St. Loius show the previous week, and showed some items acquired there.
   - Amn 1856-S half dollar, with an odd sort of countermark on the eagle's shield on the reverse. Many of the San Francisco half dollars from that year supposedly were sent to China; this is a chop mark?
   - An 1832 dime with two odd-looking markings; probably hallmarks from a silver smith.
   - A 1730 British evasion coin. The design of the token is similar to that of a coin, but things were different enough to avoid counterfeiting charges; for example, the legend is Gregory III Pon instead of George III Rex.
   - An 1892-O Barber half dollar with a micro-O mintmark. The punch for a quarter's mintmark was probably used here.
4. **Mark Wieclaw** showed items from various sources.
   - From the shop, 2½ pieces of gold weighing a total of 1.2 ounces. These Vietnamese Taels were bought still wrapped in their 1976 receipt from Deak-Perera.
   - A sterling silver, spring loaded coin holder filled to its capacity of five Buffalo nickels. Someone ventured it was from the era of street cars, which had a typical fare of five cents.
   - For a number of years, Mark has shown us the lead seals that the government uses to seal cases of 100 Silver Eagles. They are a thing of the past, as they now use dated, self adhesive bar code tags to seal the cases. Mark showed us one that was easily peeled off of a case; that might cause problems in the market for sealed cases.
   - From the recent Craig Whitford auction, a 1910 Chicago Numismatic Society *Progress in Aviation* medal in silver.
   - And of course an acient coin: a high grade tremisis of Justinian II, part of the first group of coins with a portrait of Christ. In the past, Mark had shown the gold solidus and silver hexadrachm; now he showed them all together.
5. As a followup to his prior month's exhibit of Maria Theresa talers, **Robert Kulys** brought a group of talers, along mith multiple- and fractional-talers, from various German States. He also brought the

Krause 1998 catalog of German Coins; a fine work that helped him in identifying most of the pieces. The earliest was from Bavaria, dated 1767, with others through the 1800s.

6. **Elliot Krieter** brought in many of the new George Washington dollar coins (on the night before their official release date!) with date and mint mark on the edge. Then he gave one to each person in attendance.
7. **Kurt Hyde** collects voting-related items. He showed his earliest representation of voting, a denarius from 63 BC that depicts a Roman citizen voting. Then he showed a book with plates depicting other coins featuring other means of casting a ballot.
8. Complementing the featured speaker's presentation, **Winston Zack** showed a short type set of very well worn dollars:
    - An 1847 Seated Liberty silver dollar.
    - A 1795 flowing hair bust dollar with some obverse die breaks.
9. **Robert Weinstein** showed some ancient cois:
    - A silver siliqua from the early 4th cetury of Constantine II as Caesar. This was issued while his father, Constantine the Great, was Augustus. The reverse has Victory advancing, holding a wreath; the mint mark SIS indicates Siscia.
    - A coin of Constantine II as Caesar, with virtually full silvering. The typical silver content is 2½%. The reverse shows two standing soldiers, facing a standard.
    - A coin of Helena, the wife of Constantine the Great, struck only at the Thessalonika mint. The reverse shows a star within a wreath; the star is a dot with straight lines radiating from near the dot.
    - A commemomorative coin from Constantinople, for moving the capitol from Rome to Constantinople. The obverse features the personification of Constantiople, while the reverse features the goddess Pax. This is one of the later issues, of a smaller size.
    - A commemorative coin from Rome, struck after the death of Constantine the Great.
10. **Bob Feiler** showed two recently acquired box thalers:
    - A two headed coin piece made from an 1859 Prussian coin.
    - A looped piece made from a German 1894 5 marks coin.
11. **Lyle Daly** showed a type set of three cent pieces.
    - An 1866 silver piece from his grandfather started this type set.
    - An 1853 example of Type I (1851-1853).
    - An 1858 example of Type II (1854-1858).
    - An 1861 example of Type III (1859-1873).
    - An 1868 piece in nickel (1865-1889).

Important Dates

March 9-11 12th Annual Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday.

March 10 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago Paper Money Expo, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - Clifford Mishler & Chester Krause on *Wisconsin Paper Money*

March 14 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - David Baeckelandt on *Chicago Financial Firsts*

April 11 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

April 27-29 30th Annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday.

April 28 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - Chuck Jacobs on *One Yen Silver Pieces & Trade Dollars, 1870-1914*

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April	1 Charles J. Ryant, Jr.	
April	6 Wendell Wolka	2006
April	12 Mark Wieclaw	1991
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March 14, 2007

Session I of the 1059th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held in conjunction with the Chicago Paper Money Exposition, Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont. President Robert Feiler called the meeting to order at 1 PM with 26 members and 24 guests in attendance. A motion was made and passed to conduct an abbreviated order of business.

It was announced that the traditional souvenir banknote card was not issued for the show. Upcoming featured programs at the Chicago Coin Club were announced, including the speaker for the upcoming Chicago International Coin Fair on April 28th. Clifford Mishler was introduced as the Chairman of this summer's American Numismatic Association Convention in Milwaukee. He reported all the planned activities associated with the event and invited everyone to attend.

In the introduction of Chet Krause, his colleague and friend of 55-years, Mishler announced that Krause's Wisconsin Paper Money collection will take up 160 exhibit cases at the ANA convention. It's believed this collection is the largest single state collection of paper money every assembled.

Chester Krause shared his experiences while building his collection and related stories on competing with others at currency auctions over the years. The Santa Claus bank notes were cited in particular. The exhibit at this summer's convention will be broken down into territorial notes, certificates of deposit, statehood, obsolete, scrip, and large and small size nationals.

President Feiler presented Mishler and Krause ANA Educational Certificates and engraved Club medals.

The meeting was called into recess and will resume on Wednesday, March 14th at 7 PM at the regular meeting site 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor Conference Room, Downtown Chicago.

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Session II of the 1059th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Robert Feiler with 16 members and 3 guests: John Baeckelandt, David Gumm, and Leroy Gayden.

The Minutes of the February meeting as published in the *Chatter* were approved as read. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported February revenue of $220.00, expenses of $364.92 and a balance of $11,868.38. A motion was made and passed to accept the report. Following the second readings of the membership applications of Robert W. Wallace and Kurt Hyde, motions were made and passed to accept them into the Club. The application of David G. Gumm received first reading.

Richard Hall was presented with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved speaker's medal for his January featured presentation on *U.S. Type I Liberty Head $20 Gold Coins*. Future featured programs with brief overviews were announced. *Chicago Financial Firsts* was the topic of the evening's featured speaker, David Baeckelandt. The program covered the array of financial innovations, modern accounting, modern investment banking practices, underwriting and stock evaluation techniques that started in Chicago. David supplemented his talk with documents and certificates from his own collection. Afterwards, he was presented with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved speaker's medal.

The exhibitors for the evening were: STEVE HUBER – 19 crowns from Great Britain; JOHN CONNOLLY – a $1 U.S. commemorative coin & a 1000 kronor Icelandic commemorative coin both struck in 2000 honoring Leif Ericson, and $1 U.S. commemorative coins honoring Eisenhower (2000), Jamestown (2007) and John Marshall (2005); JEFFREY ROSINIA – the newly discovered error 2007 Washington $1 without edge markings; ROBERT WEINSTEIN – 6 copper coins from the 3rd century B.C., struck in the Indian cities of Pushkalavati and Taxila ROBERT LEONARD – newly published ANS book *Money of the Caribbean*, and modern monarchs with military headgear shown on the coins of Prussia 5-mark (1901), Italy 20-lire (1928), Albania 2-lek (1939), and Romania 50-lei (1938); ROBERT FEILER – a coin from the Macedonian Kingdom of Phillip V (221-179 B.C.) and 2 counterfeit ancient coins; MARK WIECLAW – Will County Coin Club medal honoring Will County's 150th year (1981), colorized silver U.S. Eagle, an as of Roman Emperor Trajan struck in Rome for use in Syria (116 A.D.), a bronze follis of Heraclius overstruck on a follis of Tiberius Constantine, a cistophori (tetradrachm) of Mark Antony shown with his wife, Octavia; and LYLE DALY – coins bought on a recent trip to the Cayman Islands including a 1770 Pillar Dollar, silver cobb from the 1600s, 1805 8-reales with multiple counterstamps, and five current uncirculated pieces of currency.

Under business separate motions were made and passed authorizing the Board of Governors to order and set a selling price of 10X & 4X

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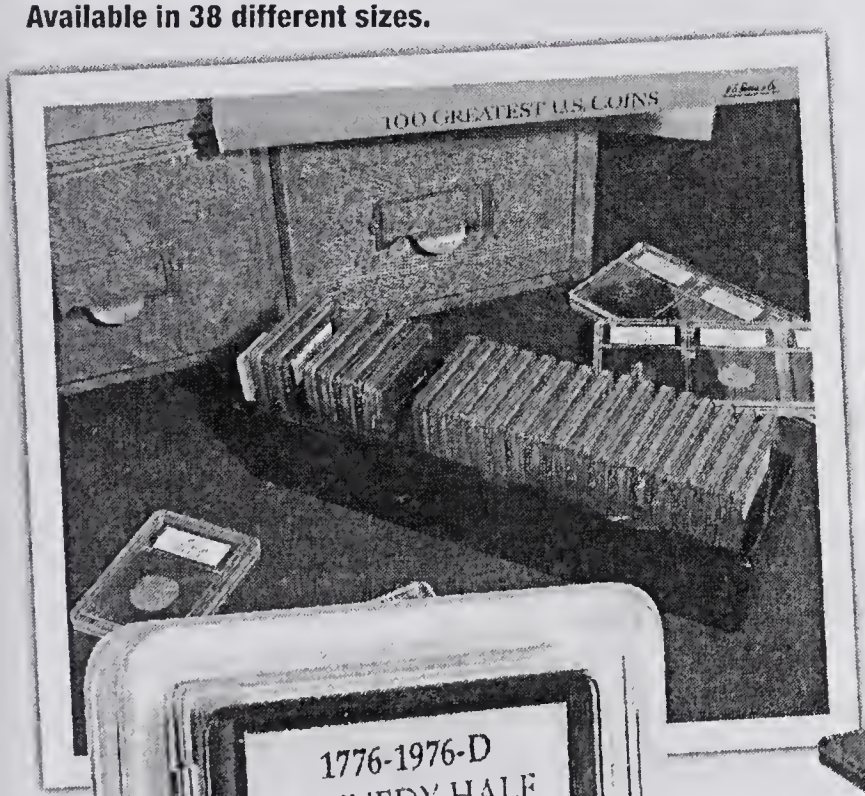

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magnifier-flashlights, and to pay World Conversions.com of Elk Grove Village a sum not to exceed $400 to convert onto DVD the Club's video tape (28) interviews with long-time members recorded in 1984.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d
Wisconsin Paper Money

A presentation by Chester Krause
to our March 10, 2007 meeting.

Clifford Mishler used his introduction of Chester Krause to describe some of what has been planned for the ANA's Annual Convention to be held in Milwaukee in August. The previous Milwaukee conventions were in 1950 and 1986, and the theme of the 2007 convention is "Collecting Coins Captures Time." The convention medal features the Allen Bradley four-faced clock tower on the obverse, and the addition to the lakefront art museum on the reverse.

For the 1986 convention, a number of Wisconsin-related collections were displayed. Some of those collections have been incorporated into Krause's 160-case exhibit of Wisconsin paper money that will be at this year's convention. Among the attractions outside of the convention center, the largest numismatic one will be at the Milwaukee Public Museum; among the pieces from their 40,000 item numismatic collection that will be displayed at their building are one gold and two silver life saving medals.

Chet's exhibit will include seven types of Wisconsin paper money:

- Territorial — starting in 1836 and extending to statehood in 1848. Includes Certificates of Deposit from the early 1840s
- Obsolete — from the start of banking in 1853 to the Civil War. Includes two different Santa Claus notes.
- Scrip — from the 19th century starting in 1862; mostly from the Civil War depression.
- Advertising — printed on the back side of obsolete uniface Confederate notes due to the scarcity of paper. Some later issues were printed on other paper sources.
- Large size nationals — built upon one of the collections shown at the 1986 convention.

- Small size nationals — another collection built upon one of the 1986 exhibits.
- 1933 depression scrip — virtually complete; missing only one of the acknowledged types.

With more than 50 years spent collecting this material, he has been able to add information to the *Numismatist* article by Wismer from the 1930s. He has produced a small booklet upon each of the above topics, and he showed a few that he had not given away yet.

He also plans to show two cars with ties to Wisconsin financials at the convention. The Mr. Kissel who signed a banknote also owned the Kissel car company, and the Case company did not make just farm machinery in Wisconsin — Chet has been working on one of their cars for the last six years.

The start of his Wisconsin paper money collection was probably the purchase of a bundle of 15 obsolete and scrip notes from a coin shop in Appleton. Travelling on business was a great advantage; he could see what was available over a wide area. Although all kinds of Wisconsin material could be found in the Northeastern states, California collectors were more interested in gold and world coins.

When asked, he admitted to collecting raised notes, and a few had walked into his office just the other day. A raised note is a note with the denomination altered to a higher value, typically by taping a denominated corner from a larger note onto a smaller note — usually a one dollar note. Instead of raising all four corners, one corner often was torn off; notes are fragile, so a missing corner was not unusual.

When you are known as a serious collector people you know often set material aside for you, and strangers will approach you with interesting pieces — as was the case after this talk.

Important Dates

April 11 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Eugene Freeman on *U.S. Standing Liberty Quarters, 1916-1930*

April 27-29 30th Annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday.

April 28 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - Chuck Jacobs on *One Yen Silver Pieces & Trade Dollars, 1870-1914*

May 9 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Robert Wallace on *Archaic Silver Coinages of the Thracian Tribes, ca. 550-480 B.C.*

Birthday and Year Joined

May 2	Donn Pearlmann	1979
May 8	Sharon Blocker	2000
May 10	Marty Vink	1952
May 11	William A. Burd	1993
May 11	Jeffrey Rosinia	1995
May 15	Jay M. Galst	1991
May 17	Paul R. Hybert	1994
May 23	Robert J. Weinstein	1991

Speaker's Wor[l]d
Chicago Financial Firsts

A presentation by David Baeckelandt
to our March 14, 2007 meeting.

David started his presentation by showing the classic *New Yorker* map cover where not much is located west of the Hudson River. Then he showed Hennepin's 1683 Flemish map of North America, the first map to depict "Chekagou." Dave has worked in the financial industry for a number of years, and during that time he has collected items relating to financial firsts of Chicago and Illinois. That theme has led him to many interesting aspects of Chicago history.

Chicago started as the center of a huge land boom, the biggest speculative bubble in North America. The Illinois Michigan Canal connected the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River system, and Chicago was at the east end of the canal. The Canal Commissioners made the first land plat, and sold the first lots. A lot that sold for $33 in 1829 sold for $100,000 in 1836, the year that Chicago was incorporated. The expression "canal term" stood for ¼ down and the balance over three years. The 999 year lease was introduced under the mistaken idea that 1000 year leases were illegal. Dave showed a newspaper clipping that referred to the Berlin real estate bubble of 1870-71 as "Chicago on the Spree."

In addition to speculative excessives, there was outright fraud. Soon after taking office in 1857, Governor Matteson discovered a virtual gold mine in his office. When canal scrip was redeemed, it was supposed to be cancelled by tearing off a corner; but that step was skipped during some busy times. The governor had access to the redeemed scrip, and he redeemed the uncancelled pieces for his own benefit. After being found not guilty, he and the money left Illinois for Europe. The resulting state bond float was the first to pay for the mess left by a corrupt politician.

But most of Chicago's financial firsts were legal and were for the good of investors and consumers. Norman Wait Harris started the Harris Bank, and in 1882 it listed buy and sell prices for bonds; it also institutionalized such investment banking practices as reviews by "disinterested experts" and other aspects of due diligence. Their analysis of municipal bonds was also applied to corporate securities.

The 1906 IPO of Sears was the first based upon goodwill future potential earnings instead of just the current assets. The first utility holding company was formed in the late 19th century by Samuel Insull, an associate of Thomas

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Edison. The original local electric service was for just a building or two, but larger generating stations and the resulting distribution systems provided efficiencies of scale. In 1930 Insull was the first to use a poison pill defense, but his leveraged companies failed in the depression. (People to this day are split in their strongly held views of Insull: robber baron or just unlucky?) The unravelling of Insull's 360 interlocking companies fell to Arthur Andersen who had started the first deicated accounting firm. How ironic that that firm would end in the collapse of a later utility company, Enron.

Near the start of the 20th century, Henry Marsh and Donald McLennan introduced such concepts as an insurance broker and thorough research in assessing risk. Soon, State Farm was the first to offer lower rates to the less-risky demographics; they excluded risky areas such as Chicago and Cook County! Allstate was the first to sell auto insurance by mail (1931), and the first to tailor rates to the characteristics of cars and their owners (1939).

Chicago's various markets and exchanges have been the first to offer a number of products, from various future contracts on agricultural products in the mid 19th century to futures on currencies and interest rates in the 1970s, to the first options on a stock index in 1983. And let us not forget the many Nobel prize winners in Economics whose ideas might be result in future products.

Although some of the firsts are well documented and accepted, some of the firsts that David presented are just the earliest local newspaper reports of which he is aware. Are you aware of any complaints of "cold calling" earlier than a 1928 letter to the *Chicago Tribune*?

Show and Tell

Items shown at our March 14, 2007 meeting.

1. **Steve Huber** passed around an assortment of Great Britain crowns along with an 1801 taler from Hanover with a portrait of George III; in addition to being the British monarch, he was the ruler of Hanover. Among the coins were a crown and half crown of Cromwell from 1658, a 1687 crown of James III, and an 1804 silver dollar of George III (this was a trade dollar).
2. **John Connolly** concentrated on some recent U.S. commemmoratives:
    - The 400th anniversary of Jamestown just received that day; 3 figures are on the obverse, with the reverse showing the three ships that spent 5 months sailing from London with the first colonists.
    - Two Leif Ericson commemmoratives: a U.S. coin from 2000 along with a 1000 kronur coin from Iceland.

- A 1990 coin for the centennial of Eisenhower&8217;s birth.
- A John Marshall 2005 coin returned from a grading service graded as MS-70.

3. **Jeff Rosinia** showed a recent purchase: from Harlan Berk's shop, a new Washington dollar coin that had been found locally in a roll.
4. **Robert Weinstein** started with his usual ancient items, and concluded with something not even 200 years old.
    - The two great cities of the 3rd century BC in northern India were Pushkalavati and and Taxila. Their coins bear symbols common to both Buddhists and Hindus. Pushkalavati, a city of one million people near modern day Peshawar, made coins from rolled out bars of copper that were clipped to the proper weight. The first coin bears a *svastika* and the symbol for a sacred mountain on one side, and is blank on the other. The hooked cross *svastika* occurs in nearly every ancient culture, and it is associated with the sun. The mountain is an ancient revered symbol to the Hindus; their great height and vastness, the echo, and the strange sounds of the winds in their canyons all impressed the early peoples. They were also considered as the home of many gods and spirits.
    - A coin with coarse images of an elephant on one side, and a lion, *svastika*, and sacred mountain on the other.
    - From Taxila, a city with two million people, a coin on a round flan bearing an elephant on one side and a sacred mountain on the other.
    - A coin bearing a sacred mountain and a *taurine*, a symbol associated with the bull. It was widely used by ancient fertility cults and the cult of the Hindu god Siva. It is also thought to represent a combination of the sun and moon symbols.
    - A coin bearing a tree flanked by *taurines*, and a sacred mountain. The tree is also an ancient sacred symbol; sacred trees occur in the literature of the Hindus and Buddhists.
    - A coin bearing many symbols, including a *taurine*, a *svastika*, a holy mountain, and a trident-shaped symbol known as the *srivatsa*, the significance of which is uncertain.
    - The *Niles' Weekly Register*, Baltimore, dated Aug 22, 1818. Bob pointed out some interesting articles: a coin of Antoninus Pius as Augustus with reverse of Marcus Aurelius as Caesar, found in Fayetville, Tennessee by a farmer digging a cellar; a 3-page article on counterfeit bank notes; and a biographical sketch of San Martin, along with the latest news from Buenos Aires after the revolution.
5. **Bob Leonard** just received his *Money of the Caribbean* book from the 1999 Coinage of the Americas Conference. Then he showed coins featuring modern monarchs modelling military headgear:
    - A 1901 5 mark from Prussia with Wilhelm II.

- King Victor Emanuel III on a coin dated 1928 for the tenth anniversary of the end of World War I, bearing a quote from Mussolini.
- A 1939 coin for occupied Albania, featuring Victor Emanuel III now as Emperor.
- A 1938 Romanian coin featuring King Karol in a tasselled helmet.

6. **Bob Feiler** showed some apparently ancient coins:
   - Purchased a few years ago at CICF, but only recently identified, was a genuine coin from the Macdonian kingdom of Phillip V featuring a pacing horse on the reverse.
   - Two recently acquired ancient coins that the seller assured him were genuine because they had been acquired in Italy during World War II. Their look was off, and we saw the casting line on the edge of the Athenian Owl and Legionary denarius.
7. **Mark Wieclaw** showed some items saved from the melting pot: a one ounce 1986 Will County sesquicentennial silver medal from the Will County Coin Club, and a colorized 2000 silver eagle with Santa Claus in a sleigh with reindeer. Then came an assortment of ancient coins:
   - An as of Trajan (116 AD) struck in Rome for use in Syria, as the Parthian War military payroll.
   - A bronze follis of Heraclius struck over one of Tiberius Constantine (the original struck in Nicomedia, restrike in Constantinople).
   - A cistophoric from 39 BC with conjoined busts of Marc Antony and his wife Octavia; Dionysius is on the reverse.
8. **Lyle Daly** spent some of the previous week in the Cayman Islands, where just about every jewelry store advertised treasure coins. According to the book he bought there, the heyday of pirates started in 1713 with the Treaty of Utrecht and ended in 1739. He did purchase a few silver Spanish colonial coins, but they were outside of that date range. He also acquired four uncirculated pieces of the current notes, honoring the 500th anniversary of Columbus' sighting of the islands in 1503; their denominations were 1, 5, 10, and 25 while he passed on the 50 and 100.

Our 1060th Meeting

Date: April 11, 2007, **First session**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Featured speaker: Eugene Freeman - *U.S. Standing Liberty Quarters, 1916-1930*

Gene Freeman has collected and studied the Standing Liberty Quarter series for 30+ years. Designed by Hermon MacNeil, the coin's first year of issue raised a moral problem due to Liberty's exposed breast. The date also wore off quickly and was adjusted in 1925. Join Gene as he tells the story of this coin oftentimes overlooked by collectors. Gene will show examples of the major types, mintmark varieties, and the striking characteristics of the series.

Date: April 28, 2007, **Second session**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: At the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.

Featured speaker: Chuck Jacobs - *Japanese One Yen Silver Pieces & Trade Dollars, 1870-1914*

Chuck Jacobs will present a visual exploration of the history of Japanese crowns — one yen silver pieces and trade dollars — tracking their origin from monetized Mexican 8 reales pieces used along side primitive coinage during the late-feudal Ansei era (ca 1859), through domestically-minted, modern silver crowns in the Meiji and Taisho eras (from 1870 - 1904). The talk will showcase each coin — as well as its iconography — in the context of Japanese culture and history. The lecture will also delve into the various patterns, variations, and counterstamps. Along the way, learn how to date these coins, the significance of their imagery, and how to tell the "obverse" from the "reverse".

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Minutes of the 1060th Meeting

April 11, 2007

Session I of the 1060th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held at 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor Conference Room and was called to order at 7 PM by President Robert Feiler with 19 members and 3 guests present.

Following the second reading of David Gumm's membership application a motion was made and passed to accept him into the Club. The three guests, Marc Stackler, Jared Irish and Eric Schmidt each presented applications for membership which received first readings. The March minutes were approved as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky's report of $304.00 in March revenue, $506.34 in expenses and $11,666.04 in the treasury was accepted.

First V.P. Jeffrey Rosinia introduced the featured speaker, Eugene Freeman, who spoke on U.S. Standing Liberty Quarters, 1916-1930. Following a question and answer period, Jeff presented Eugene with an educational certificate from the American Numismatic Association.

Second V.P. Lyle Daly announced the following exhibitors: JASON FREEMAN – Uganda 1981 500-shilling; DONALD DOOL – certificates and medals recently presented to him after speaking before 3 South American coin clubs, basketball/San Martin medal from the first world championship, an 1899 Masonic medal with San Martin for the Lautaro Lodge, Mauressa Eklund issued under Louis XIV in 1642, and a molded plastic medal; STEVE ZITOWSKY – a restrike Papal medal of Pope Gregory XIII from 1572 commemorating St. Bartholomew Day Massacre, and an 1869 bronze proof Papal medal with a view of a huge crowd at St. Peter's square with the Vatican interior on the reverse; MARK WIECLAW – copies of seven different Biblical coins in a Lucite holder, a silver denarius of Cassius (43-42 BC), a denarius of Brutus (43-42 BC), a dupondius of Nero (54-68 AD) and Drusis, and tetradrachm of Gordian I (238 AD) from the Alexandria Mint; ROBERT LEONARD – ancient, medieval and modern coins depicting chainmail: an antoninianus of Roman Emperor Aurelian (270-75 AD), a

denier of Bohemond III (or IV) from Antioch, a follus of Baldwin II from Edessa, a 1772 British half-penny showing George III, and a 1788 half-penny from Vermont; EUGENE FREEMAN – a Portuguese Guinea 5 centavos from 1933, 3-medals from the Philippines commemorating their 1943 independence, a Chinese silver amulet, and an 1878-S MS62 Morgan Dollar with multicolored tones; ROBERT WEINSTEIN – elongated cents from 1901 Industrial Expo in Milwaukee, 1907 Jamestown Expo, 1909 Hudson-Fulton celebration with *The Clairmont*, 1909 Hudson-Fulton celebration with the *Half-moon*, 1911 Albany capitol destroyed by fire, 1912 City Hall of Waterbury, Conn. destroyed by fire, 1912 Columbus Memorial of Washington DC, plus a Canadian large cent elongate of Quebec Tercentenary, and a Chilean 10-centavo showing the skyride at the 1933 Chicago Century of Progress; WINSTON ZACK – announcement that he will be attending the University of Arizona in the fall to major in anthropology and minor in archeology; LYLE DALY – 4 Byzantine coins that included a gold hyperpyron of John III (1222-54 AD), an electrum aspron of Isaac II (1185-95 AD), a billon aspron of Manuel I (1143-80 AD), a tetarteron of Manuel I (1143-80 AD), and 3 numismatic books purchased at the Kane County Flea Market.

Under old business it was announced that 100 4X magnifier-flashlights were on order and expected in time for the Chicago International Coin Fair. Robert Leonard reported on his progress with the CICF souvenir card covering Cigarette Money.

Under new business it was announced that the Milwaukee American Numismatic Association convention begins August 8th the usual meeting night of the Club. A motion was made and passed to reschedule the August meeting to the 15th which will give members the opportunity to exhibit recent purchases. The Central States Numismatic Society is holding their annual convention May 9-12 in St. Louis. Don Dool and William Burd were appointed to represent the Chicago Coin Club at their 8 AM breakfast meeting of member clubs on Friday May 11th.

The meeting was called into recess at 8:40 PM and will be reconvened at 1 PM on Saturday, April 28 at the Chicago International Coin Fair.

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Session II of the 1060th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Robert Feiler at 1 PM on April 28, 2007 with 33 members and 22 guests present. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair at the Crowne Plaza O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont.

The application for membership of Kevin Foley received first reading. Past-presidents and current officers in attendance were introduced. After

announcing the Club's future schedule of speakers, the afternoon's featured speaker Chuck Jacobs was introduced; he spoke on "Japanese One Yen Silver Pieces and Trade Dollars, 1870-1914." After a question and answer period, Jacobs was presented with an engraved club medal and an educational certificate from the American Numismatic Association.

Robert Leonard spoke briefly on writing the *Modern Cigarette Money*, the 19th odd and curious souvenir handout created by the Club for the CICF meeting. Everyone in attendance was presented with a copy.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

Important Dates

May	**9**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Robert Wallace on *Archaic Silver Coinages of the Thracian Tribes, ca. 550-480 B.C.*
June	**13**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Mike Gasvoda on *The Propaganda Coinage of Augustus, 27 BC – 14 AD*
June	**22-24**	MidAmerica Coin Expo at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5.
June	**23**	CCC Meeting - 1pm near the MidAmerica Coin Expo (in a hotel or the convention center, details in the next issue). No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
July	**11**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - John Riley on *Pre-World War II Token Issues from Shanghai*

CHARLES J. RYANT, Jr.
1920-2007

Charles J. Ryant, Jr., of Maple City, Michigan died March 14th. He passed away 24 hours after suffering a stroke, just a few weeks short of his 87th birthday. A member of the Chicago Coin Club for 66-years, Charles joined in December 1940 becoming member number 369. Over the last few years he held the most longevity in the Club.

Charles was born April 1, 1920 in Chicago. He received a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology while teaching night school. Charles went to work for Standard Oil Company of Indiana and had 5 patents to his credit. He retired at 37 years of age and dedicated himself to working on legislative councils, social action committees and Republican politics.

Charles met his wife Rosalind while taking ballroom dance lessons at the Fred Astaire Studios. Four shelves in their home hold many trophies they won competing in dance contests in the Chicago area, Ohio, New York and Florida. Charles took four trips to the Czech Republic to work on family genealogy which he traced back to 1500 AD. After living for many years in Calumet City, Illinois, Charles moved to Maple City, Michigan in 1981.

Charles began collecting coins at 8 years of age and eagerly shared his early collecting experiences on the Club video in 1984. His interest was always U.S. coinage. He served as President (1975-76), editor of the *Chatter* and received the Club's 1977 Medal of Merit. Charles will always be remembered for his outgoing nature, service on numerous committees and financial sponsorship to anniversary events.

Charles was an integral part of negotiating with the I.R.S. in 1966 when the Club's not-for-profit status was in jeopardy. Charles played a major role in re-writing the Club's constitution to include necessary wordage required by the government. Charles joined the American Numismatic Association in 1948 and became life member 273. He held membership in other numismatic groups including Central States Numismatic Society (number 2112).

The funeral for Charles was held in Suttons Bay and burial was at the Cleveland Township Cemetery in Maple City. He is survived by Rosalind, his wife of 29 years and is preceded by his parents and one sister, Charlotte Ryant.

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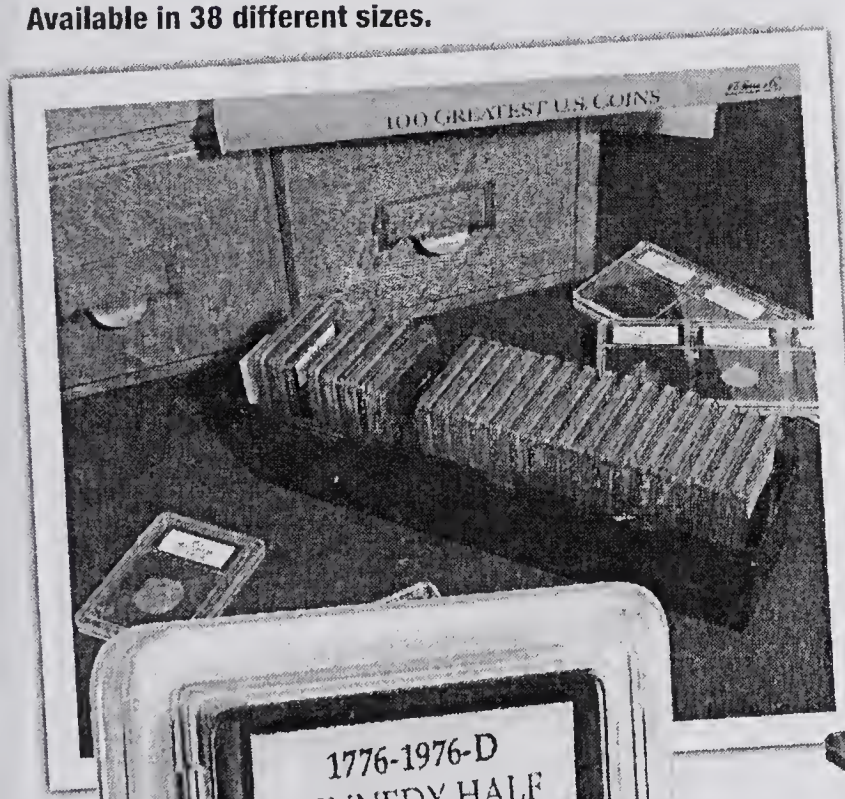

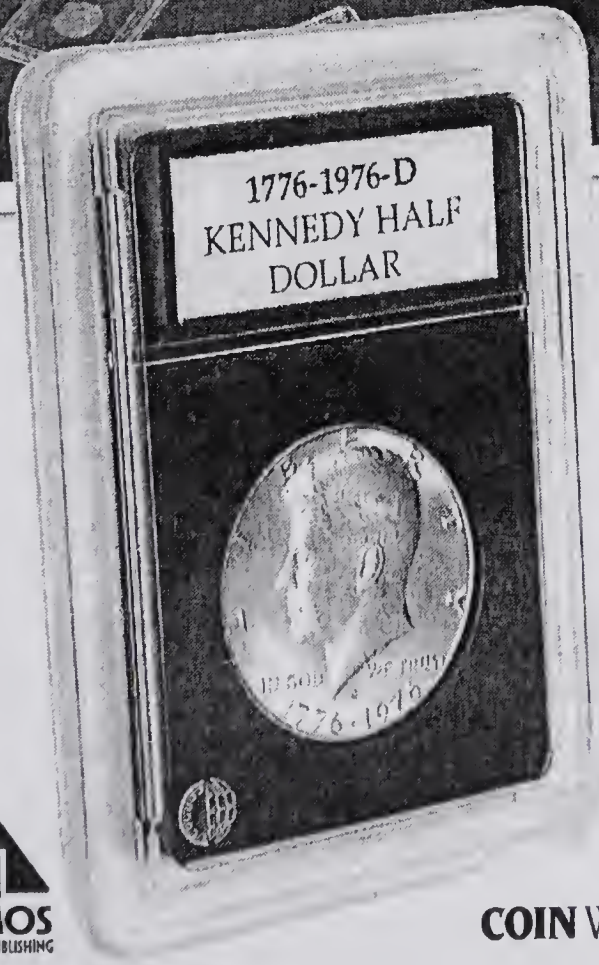

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Speaker's Wor[l]d
Standing Liberty Quarters

by Eugene Freeman
Presented to our April 11, 2007 meeting.

The design of the Standing Liberty Quarter was an outgrowth of the movement under Teddy Roosevelt's administration, for the United States to have coins with greater artistic appeal. The gold coins were redesigned around 1907; the silver coins had to wait until 1917, under the 25-year law passed in 1890.

In December 1915, the Treasury announced a general contest to design the new quarter, and the winner was Hermon A. MacNeil. In May 1916, MacNeil's galvano models were approved, minus the dolphins he had placed flanking Liberty's feet, and with changes in the placement of the motto.

When considered against the background of World War I, which had been raging in Europe since 1914, the symbolism of the design is clear. Liberty stands at the portal (or gateway) to the country, and holds an olive branch in her right hand, saying "I prefer Peace," but she is removing the cover from her shield, saying "I will defend myself."

Although the designs were not supposed to be used until 1917, the Mint struck 52,000 pieces dated 1916, during the last half of December 1916, and these were released with the first 1917-dated coins on January 17.

Shortly after the release of the coins, the Treasury began receiving complaints about the design, because the quarters had the same problem as Janet Jackson's costume — the right breast is uncovered! The design was modified to cover Miss Liberty's chest with chain mail. Other elements of the design were changed, including moving three stars from the legend to below the eagle on the reverse, and raising the position of the eagle.

The most serious design flaw, the placement of the date on a raised platform at Liberty's feet, was not to be corrected until the third type was released in 1925. Dates of the Type I and Type II quarters wear off very quickly, and it is not unusual to see a coin with detail that should equal Fine, but the date is worn off the coin.

Of course, it is easy to identify Type I quarters, even without a date, by looking for the coins without any stars below the eagle on the reverse. But it is also possible to identify 1916 quarters if they are in a group of Type I dateless

quarters. The leaves are broader and closer together on the obverse; drapery above 19 is different; the star below W is closer to the line; and all the stars are in higher relief.

The modifications made in 1917 were at least partially due to a (false) charge that the coins did not stack properly, but the modifications severely affected the original design. In contrast to the 1917 Type I coins, the Type II coins are usually not fully struck for the details of Liberty's face and hair, her knee, and the shield bosses and inner shield.

The Mint struck the Type II quarters from 1917 through 1924, although there are no 1922 dated quarters, and the coins were not struck at all three mints in 1921 and 1923.

Because of the immense wartime coinage quotas that had to be filled in the fall of 1917, the Engraving Department was simultaneously preparing dies for both 1917 Type II and for 1918 quarters. One of the working dies destined for San Francisco received one blow from the hub for 1917, but the subsequent blows after annealing were made by a 1918 hub. The result was the 1918S 8/7 quarter, which is a great rarity within the series.

Of the Type II quarters, the rarest regular dates are 1921 and 1923S. There are a few repunched mintmark varieties, including the 1924 S/S/S listed by Cline (in his 4th edition, he indicates that this may be a fake). Knauss also lists 1924 D/D and 1924 S/S.

In 1925, the Mint finally addressed the date problem, by putting the date within a recessed rectangle below Liberty's feet. This Type III was struck from 1925 until the series ended in 1930, although it was not struck at all three Mints in 1925 and 1930. No quarters were struck in 1931, and the Washington Quarter design was released in 1932.

Of the Type III quarters, the rarest regular date is the 1927S. There are a few overmintmark varieties, including 1928 D/S and 1928 S/D, as listed by Cline. Cline also lists two repunched mintmarks, 1928 D/D and 1928 S large/small, but Knauss has a longer list, including 1927 D/D and 1929 S/S.

The small S and large S varieties are generally recognized for 1928 S, but there may be more that have not been documented. Knauss suspects that 1920 S and 1930 S may be varieties, and Cline indicates that there are three different size mintmarks for 1917 D Type I.

There are also a few cuds that appear on the coins, the most popular of which is the 1926 S "tear drop" quarter. Knauss also lists tear drop cuds for 1920 S and 1928 S.

Knauss lists "shooting star" cuds for 1923, 1928 and 1928 S. These are diecracks that are attached to stars to the right of Liberty.

Knauss lists a 1927 DDO, 1927D DDR, 1928D DDR, 1929D DDR, and three different 1930 DDR.

A few months ago, someone asked me a question regarding Standing Liberty Quarters: "Which is more valuable, an MS 65, or a MS 64 FH?" I answered that it depended upon the date, since 1917 Type I is often found FH, but in general I would expect the MS 64 FH to be more valuable than the MS 65. I have compared the values in the April 2007 issue of *Coin Values*, and the results follow my answer: For the 1917 Type I, the MS 65 is slightly higher ($900 vs. $800). For all the other coins, the MS 64 FH is the more expensive coin.

For the 1917 Type II, the difference is only $50: $700 vs. $650, or 1.08x. The largest percentage difference is for the 1926D: $18,000 vs. $550, or 32.72x. The largest dollar difference is for the 1927S: $100,000 vs. $15,000, or 6.67x.

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Speaker's Wor[l]d
The History of Japanese One Yen Silver Pieces

A presentation by Chuck Jacobs
to our April 28, 2007 meeting.

Chuck's study of Japanese coins continues a family tradition, as his father had co-authored the first book covering modern Japanese coins in the West. This topic, the silver one yen pieces, is just one area of a book Chuck has been developing.

The Tokugawa era, from about 1600 to the mid 1800s, was the last feudal period in Japanaese history That era started with a currency standardization where one *ryo* equals four *bu*, one *bu* equals four *shu*, and one *shu* equals 250 *mon*. The first shown picture was of a ryo from about 1601, a large but very thin oval of gold with a few characters and symbols. These were cut up to make smaller pieces, some of which were also shown. Silver traded by weight as *chogin* and *mameita gin*. The currency was continually debased between 1601 and 1868.

An outflow of silver resulted from an internal exchange rate between gold and silver that was not the same as in its neighbor, China. The government responded by monetizing Mexican 8 reales pieces, but that did not help the problem much. A picture of a counterstamped piece, giving it the value of 3 bu, was shown. From 1859, it is known as the Ansei Trade Dollar.

With the shogunate weak and the economy crumbling, Matsuhito, the Meiji Emperor, assumed full power in 1868. Seeing the growing colonization of Asia by the European powers, he knew Japan had only two choices: modernize or be colonized. The process of modernization is known as the "Meiji Ishin." The first new institution was the Osaka Mint, commissioned before the train or telegraph; it used mint equipment bought from the British in Hong Kong.

Before showing the modern coins, Chuck identified some characters and symbols that we would be seeing. "Dai Nippon" is the Empire of Japan; the symbols read right-to-left and top-to-bottom. The coins use regnal years: the Meiji era is from 1868 to 1912, while the Taisho era is from 1912 to 1926. (Chuck noted that the eras overlap: the last year of one era is year one of the next era.) The denomination appears in two ways: either using the symbol for *yen*, or using the symbols for "trading silver" on the Trade Dollar.

The character for yen means round. Variations on that character are used for

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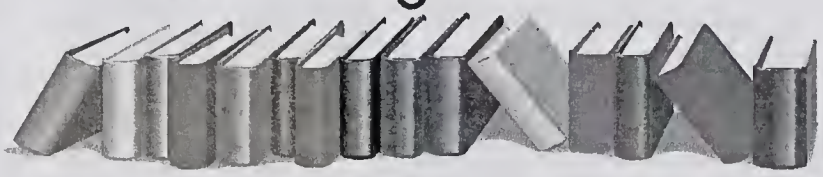

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the Chinese *yuan* and Korean *won* (*whan*). The central part of the character is derived from the picture of a cowrie shell; cowries had been used as currency in ancient China.

The *Kiku Mon*, or Chrysanthemum Seal, is the primary symbol of the imperial family. The *Kiri Mon*, or Paulownia Seal, is the second symbol of the imperial family, usually associated with the empress. It had been the mon of the Tokugawa family, and now is used as the symbol for the Japanese prime minister and cabinet. The Japanese use kiri wood for artwork, musical instruments, furniture, and containers.

Chuck used a pattern of the first silver one yen piece, from year Meiji 3, to point out the characters and symbols he had just described. After pointing out the rising sun and the dragon, he explained their significance. During the Sui Dynasty, the Chinese began using the compound of sun and origin to identify Japan — hence "The Land of the Sun." The vertical lines on the sun's circle are a carry-over from European heraldry to indicate that the sun is red. On Japanese coins, the dragon represents the power of the emperor; the side of the coin with the dragon is the obverse.

The dragon image on yen pieces is reputed to come from the Nine Dragon wall in Beijing — a tile sculture built during the Ming Dynasty. Asian dragons have the head of a camel, antlers of a deer, scales of a carp, eyes an paws of a tiger, and talons of an eagle. Different countries use a different number of talons: five in China, four in Korea, and three in Japan. Chuck told us that each country has its own explanation for their number: Japan holds that dragons originated there with three talons, gained a fourth talon after migrating to Korea, and gained a fifth talon after migrating to China; China holds that dragons originated there with five talons, lost one talon after migrating to Korea, and lost another talon after migrating to Japan.

One yen pieces were struck for issue one month after Japan went on the silver standard in October 1870. The major design change was using a wreath of paulownia and chrysanthemum instead of the individual crests of the pattern. The coinage act of Meiji 4 (1871) established the gold yen as the unit of currency, further divided into 100 sen or 1000 rin. Gold and silver coins minted that year are dated either Meiji 3 or 4. In Meiji 6, copper followed; when Japan officially adopted the gold standard, silver yen were valid only in trading ports (not domestically), so they all effectively became Trade Dollars.

The *tamashi* (orb) is another symbol of power; it always has a spiral on a Japanese coin. The spirals on the orbs on the Nine Dragon Wall are clearly the overlapping wisps of clouds. The clouds do not appear on the coins, but the spirals do. Halfway through Meiji 7, the direction of the spiral on the coin reversed. Why it reversed is a mystery. On the wall, the spirals twist in both directions.

Meiji 7 (1874) saw the first patterns for a Trade Dollar — yen was replaced by trading silver. The dragon stands out better on the trial strikes from that same year, and the switch from yen to Trade Dollar ocurred between March and April of Meiji 8. Trade Dollars were minted into March of Meiji 11, but were still dated Meiji 10. When yen coins returned in Meiji 11, all Trade Dollars became legal currency. That year saw the United States stop minting Trade Dollars for circulation.

In Meiji 20, the diameter of the one yen was reduced by a half millimeter to 38.1mm, while the weight was maintained at 26.96g of a 90% silver 10% copper alloy. Chuck is not aware of the reason for the change. Some Meiji 19 yen were made in the smaller size.

The coinage act of Meiji 30 (1897) reduced the value of the yen in half, bringing gold and silver values back in line with the world market. All silver yen were recalled, to be redeemed in new gold coins; the original five-year window was reduced to one year. Returned coins were either melted to mint smaller denominations, or counterstamped *gin* (silver) and sent to Formosa. The counterstamp marking them as no longer legal tender prevented them from being redeemed a second time. The coins were stamped at mints in Osaka (18.35 million) and Tokyo (2.1 million), with the stamp location indicating the mint: left for Osaka and right for Tokyo. Chuck showed coins from a number of years with a counterstamp.

Perhaps the reduced size pattern (34mm, 18.3g) from Meiji 34 was produced in anticipation of downsizing the yen coin. The last year for the silver yen was Taisho 3 (1914); the dragon and orb imagery has not appeared on coins since.

Show and Tell

Items shown at our March 14, 2007 meeting.

1. **Jason Freeman** showed the latest addition to his collection of Elephants on coins — a 1981 500 shilling piece from Uganda (the holder calls it a proof).
2. **Don Dool** showed some items acquired during his recent trip to Argentina:
    - A tenth anniversary issue of *El Telegrafico*, the bulletin of Centro Numismatico Buenos Aires, a club medal from a club in Buenos Aires, and a club medal from a meeting in Rosario, a city located 4 hours north of Buenos Aires. Although some meetings might have about a dozen attendees, Don pointed out that some clubs have weekly meetings.
    - A 1950 San Martin medal that is much harder to acquire than suggested by its mintage — the reverse honors the first basketball tournament in Argentina, and there are many more collectors of basketbal material than of San Martin material.
    - A Masonic medal with original ribbon and bar, from the Lautaro Lodge founded in 1812 to help foment revolution against Spain. The piece bears the date Dec 18, 1899.
    - Another medal from 1950, the Year of the Liberator. This piece is made of plastic (bakelite?), which is not surprising considering that this piece was produced by plastic molders for their first exhibition in Argentina.
    - A rough appearing piece dated 1642, of Catalonia.
3. **Steve Zitowsky** showed two papal medals:
    - A proof 1872 restrike in white metal, of a 1572 medal from Pope Gregory 13th (of Gregorian calendar fame) to honor the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre of French Protestants.
    - An 1869 proof bronze medal, 72.5 mm in diameter. A perspective interior view from the Vatican is on one side, with a St. Peter Square crowd scene on the other side.
4. **Mark Wieclaw** started by showing 7 differet biblical coins embedded in a lucite holder; all were counterfeit. Then he showed some genuine ancient coins:
    - Two silver denarii of Brutus and Cassius, from 42 BC. Struck by Lentulus Spinter, they have the same reverse design but were struck from different dies.
    - A dupondius of Nero and Drusis, the brothers of Caligula, who appear on horseback.
    - An Alexandrian tetradrachm of Gordian I, struck in copper in

238 AD.

5. **Bob Leonard** showed coins featuring chain mail, a feature present on the coins described by the evening's featured speaker.
    - An aurelianius / antoninianus from 270-275 AD of Emperor Aurelian, who appears to wear a type of cuirras.
    - From the principality of Antioch during the Crusades, a denier of Bohemond III whose left facing bust wears a Norman helmet with a nose guard.
    - From Edessa during the Crusades, a follus of Baldwin II who appears wearing a coat of mail.
    - A 1772 George III half penny, with his bust wearing a cuirass, and possibly chain mail upon his chest.
    - An imitation of Vermont coins, dated 1788, having a design similar to the above half penny.
6. **Eugene Freeman** showed coins acquired at a Madison show:
    - A 1933 5 centavos from Portuguese Guinea in red uncirculated; this is hard to find so nice.
    - An 1878 Morgan dollar with lots of colorful toning.
    - What is this? A round piece with plant designs around a central square hole. It appears to be hand engraved.
    - Three Filipino medals from 1943, honoring Philippine "independence" (while still under Japanese occupation). Jose Paciano Laurel is featured on this set; the medals bear the same general design, struck on planchets of different thicknesses.
7. **Robert Weinstein** showed a number of elongated coins from the early 1900s that show much better detail than later elongateds. Among the pieces were:
    - A 1901 cent from the Industrial Expo in Milwaukee, with Armour's canned meats advertised on the reverse. Many 1901 rollout cents are from Armour.
    - A 1907 Jamestown Expo piece shows ruins of the church.
    - A 1908 Canadian Large Cent rolled into a Champlain Lucky Cent.
    - A 1909 Hudson Fulton piece featuring the steamboat Clairmont. This expo honored the 300th anniversary of Hudson exploring the Hudson River as well as the 102nd anniversary of the first steamboat trip (which took place on that river).
    - A 1909 Hudson Fulton piece featuring the *Half Moon*, Hudson's ship on that voyage up the river.
    - March 29, 1911 — capitol burned in Albany.
    - April 22 1912 burning of the Waterbury, Connecticut City Hall.
    - Columbus Memorial, June 8, 1912, Washington DC.
    - The Sky Ride from the Chicago's 1933 World Fair, rolled on a Chilean 10 centavos.
8. **Winston Zack** announced that he will major in Archeology at the

University of Arizona starting in the fall.

9. A few years ago, **Lyle Daly** bought a group of unidentified coins. He showed some that he has identified:
    - A billon scyphate. Lyle bought Gierson's *Byzantine Coins* for $140 to identify this $3 coin.
    - A billon aspron, light gray in color, of Emanuel I (1143-1180).
    - An electrum aspron showing Isaac II (1185-1195) being crowned by archangel Michael.
    - A hyperpyron of John III in debased gold — only 16 carat instead of 20.
    - Three coin books bought at the Kane County Fairgrounds.

Our 1061st Meeting

Date: May 9, 2007

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Featured speaker: Robert Wallace - *Archaic Silver Coinages of the Thracian Tribes, ca. 550-480 B.C.*

For nearly a century down to the mid-fifth century BC — and then abruptly stopping — several Thracian tribes (the Bisalti, the Edoni, the Orrescii, and the Derrones, in modern day Macedonia and Bulgaria) issued a large number of spectacular and extemely large silver coins: octodrachms and dodekadrachms, among the largest silver coins issued in the ancient world. A significant number of these coins have been found in hoards of Egypt and the Near East. The question for the evening is, why did these tribes strike these massive coins, but very few smaller ones, and why did the coins travel so far?

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Minutes of the 1061st Meeting

May 9, 2007

The 1061st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Robert Feiler at 7 PM in the 6th floor conference room, Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn. In attendance were 18 members and 1 guest, Robert Slobins, Newark, DE.

The April Minutes were approved as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported April revenue of $366.00, expenses of $888.69 and a balance of $11,143.35. The largest expense was $542.00 to convert video tapes of senior members in 1989 to DVD. A motion was made and passed to accept the report. Following the second readings of the membership applications Marc Stackler, Jared Irish, Eric Schmidt and Kevin Foley motions were made and passed to accept them into the Club. The application of Robert B. Slobins received first reading.

The featured speaker was Robert Wallace who delivered a presentation on *Archaic Silver Coinages of the Thracian Tribes, 550-480 B.C.* After a question and answer period, President Feiler presented Robert with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club medal.

Exhibitors for the evening were: MARK WIECLAW – a 1984 $10 Olympic commemorative coin in card holder, denarius with brockage of Caracalla (210-217 BC), an electrum stater from the Cyzicus mint (440-415 BC), a fourré denarius of Caracalla and a fourré of Alexander the Great; ROBERT WEINSTEIN – 9 coins from the Kushan Kingdom and the CCC medal of merit for M. Vernon Sheldon (1956); ROBERT FEILER – 5 ancient coins; STEVE ZITOWSKY – 3 coins from Katanga issued in 1961, 4 coins from Biafra issued in 1969 and 2 shipboard tokens issued in 1930s for Nederland Stoomvaart Maatschappij; STEVE HUBER – 8 coin purchases from the CICF; PHIL CARRIGAN – a Canadian bronze medal issued in 1896 honoring T.J. Tiffin; ERIC SCHMIDT – 10 coins found over years in change or searching through rolls including gold-plated 1964 Kennedy half dollar, 1989 off center Lincoln cent, clipped Lincoln cent, 1905 Indian cent and 1991-S

Kennedy half dollar; ROBERT SLOBINS – Austrian 5-schilling Madonna coin set from 1934, '35 and '36; LYLE DALY – 4 bronze ancient Roman coins.

Members stood for a moment of silence in memory of Charles J. Ryant, a past-president 1975-76. Lyle Daly announced the floor where the meeting is currently held will be converted for another use and the conference room will no longer be available within two months. This led to a discussion on availability of sites at the Federal Reserve Bank and the Chicago Temple Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

Important Dates

June 13 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Mike Gasvoda on *The Propaganda Coinage of Augustus, 27 BC – 14 AD*

June 22-24 MidAmerica Coin Expo at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5.

June 23 CCC Meeting - 11am in the Mr. Lincoln Room of the DoubleTree Hotel which is across the street from the MidAmerica Coin Expo, which is held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - Paul A. Cunningham on *U.S. Military Tokens: Civil War – Current*

July 11 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - John Riley on *Pre-World War II Token Issues from Shanghai*

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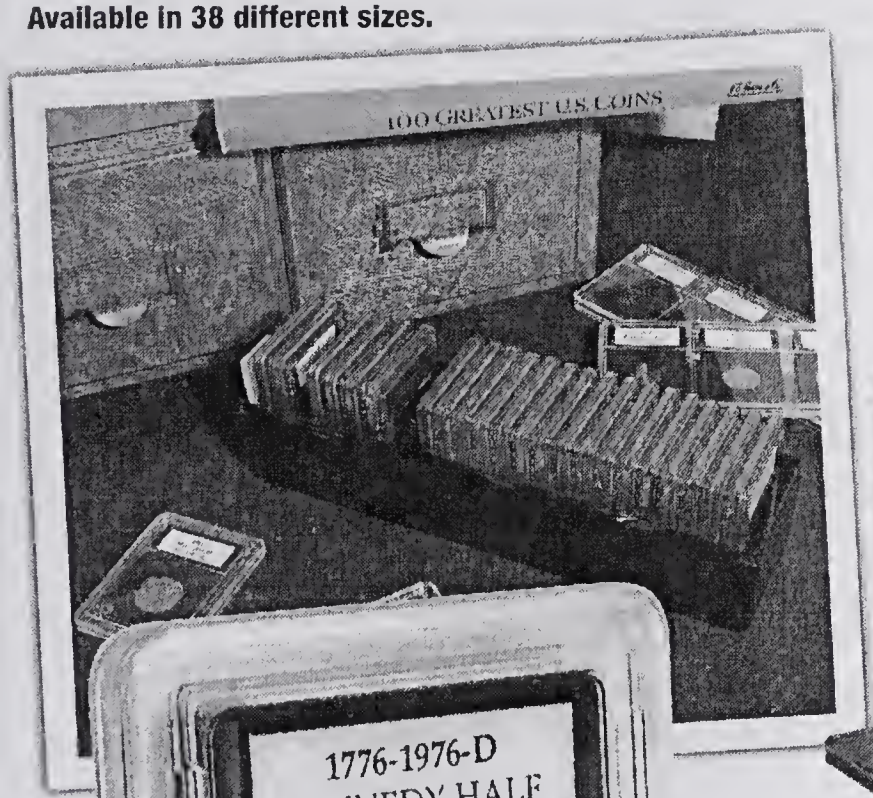

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Speaker's Wor[l]d
Archaic Silver Coinages of the Thracian Tribes, ca. 550-480 B.C.

A presentation by Robert Wallace
to our May 9, 2007 meeting.

For approximately 70 years during the early development of coinage, the largest and most beatutiful coins came not from one of the powerful empires but from Thrace. After setting the economic and geo-political stage, showing coinage examples from the region, and reviewing some theories on the Thracian coinage, Robert Wallace gave us his thoughts on the reason for these spectacular coins.

Most of ancient Thrace now is in Bulgaria and Macedonia; although most of its coastline was on the Black Sea, its Aegean coast was separated from the rest of Thrace by mountains. In the sixth and seventh centuries B.C., settling Greeks pushed Thracians out of the coastal Aegean area; the Thracians did not want to become Greek. Although Homer praised Thracian wine and craftsmen, most Greeks regarded Thracians as drunken brigands.

The towns of the Greek coastal areas accepted Greek coins and issued their own coins in small denominations, such as the trihemiobol of the late fifth century and a Gorgon Head piece that Robert showed us. The Persians invaded the coastal areas on their way to Greece proper, but the Thracians kept the upper reaches of the major river valleys; that was fortuitous because that was where the rich silver deposits were located. Robert showed coins from a range of Thracian tribes, including:

- A 33.58 gram dekadrachm from the Derrones (500-480 BC), featuring two bulls.
- A 28.65 gram octodrachm from the Bisalti (475-465 BC), featuring a horse.
- A 28.34 gram octodrachm from the Orreskioi (479-465 BC), featuring Hermes driving two bulls.
- An octodrachm from the Edones circa 480 BC, featuring Hermes driving two bulls; it also has Greek letters.
- A 28.32 gram octodrachm from Edones king Getas (470-465 BC), featuring 2 bulls.

The tribes that issued these did not issue smaller denomination coins. With an agrarian economy that did not need even small coins, many have wondered, "why were such large coins issued?" The Persian control of northern Greece,

during 514-479 BC, resulted in tribute payments to the Persians. Some believe that large silver coins would be a natural method of paying tribute, and they would use the 29.63 gram octodrachm of the Greek Aegean coastal city of Abdera (530-500 BC) as supporting evidence. However, such a large coin was not issued by any other Greek city. The silver paid in tribute was most likely as bullion; aside from a part in Asia Minor, the Persian empire did not use coins. Robert showed a 5.53 gram siglos (485-420 BC) from the Achaemenid Empire of Darius I to Xerxes II.

Since the Persians did not use coins, and would probably just melt any coins into bullion, why would anyone take the time and effort to create impressive coins that would only be destroyed? Although a piece from Akanthos (500-483 BC) features the Persian motif of a tiger attacking a bull, hoard evidence shows that some pieces were struck after the Persians had been expelled. Also, some of the major issuers of large coins did not have to pay tribute to the Persians.

Fabulous silver and gold Thracian vases and other objects start appearing in hoards that date from after 450 BC. Robert uses that to support his theory that the large, artistic sliver coins were a type of fad; and there might have been some one-upmanship at work, with the Thracians telling the Greeks, "You might have invented coinage, but your puny coins cannot compare to our beautiful coins." After the large-coin fad had run its course, the next fad was the spectacular Thracian vases, now in many museums, that were found in hoards.

Robert suggested that a 16.5 gram tetradrachm from Thasos (148 BC) represented a possible revival of the fad, but the poor style is merely a bad imitation of the original. The originals typically were the diameter of (at least) a U.S. half dollar but were much thicker.

Our 1062nd Meeting

Date: June 13, 2007, **First session**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
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Featured speaker: Mike Gasvoda - *The Propaganda Coinage of Augustus, 27 BC – 14 AD*

Mike Gasvoda is a respected collector of ancient Roman coinage and has put together a new presentation dealing Roman Emperor Augustus and his propaganda coinage. Those who attend this meeting will hear how Augustus dominated Roman politics through coins that promoted his name, his titles and honors, his divine right to rule, his military victories, buildings and temples he held sacred, etc. This propaganda was so effective it influenced coinage designs for centuries. Members will come away with an insight into this watershed period of Imperial Roman coinage.

Date: June 23, 2007, **Second session**

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: In the Mr. Lincoln Room of the DoubleTree Hotel which is across the street from the MidAmerica Coin Expo, which is held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.

Featured speaker: Paul A. Cunningham - *U.S. Military Tokens: Civil War – Current*

Military tokens have existed for as long as armies gathered and fought. With each war the primary use of tokens evolved. During the Civil War, military tokens purchased food, but by the time of the Viet Nam War, soldiers used tokens for gambling. Paul Cunningham is the leading authority on military tokens and authored three books on exonumia including the two-volume *Military Tokens of the U.S.*, published in 1998.

Show and Tell

Items shown at our May 9, 2007 meeting.

1. **Mark Wieclaw** has seen many Olympic coins from the U.S. in the hard plastic government packaging, but, until this appeared in the shop, he had never seen an Olympic coin in the cardboard holder available only at the Olympics. Then Mark showed some ancient coins:
    - To complement the featured speaker's talk, Mark showed an electrum stater from Cyzicus — it bears the head of Attis on the obverse and four square punches on the reverse.
    - Two coins of Caracalla (209-217 AD): a denarius struck as a brockage, and a forré (struck at the mint with silver surfaces over a copper core).
    - An Alexander the Great drachm made as a forré — so this is a contemporary counterfeit.
2. **Bob Weinstein** showed coins of the first three kings of the ancient Kushan empire of Central Asia:
    - A tetradrachm of Kujula Kadphises bearing a copy of the bust of Hermaios found on a Greek coin which Bob also showed. While this Kushan coin shows Hercules on the reverse (very commmon), the Greek coin shows a seated Zeus.
    - A drachm of the same king, but with Nike on the reverse.
    - A 2 drachm of the same king, but with a seated Zeus on the reverse.
    - A later piece of the same king, but with a bust of Augustus.
    - The of the next king who was called Soter Megas (the Great Savior).
    - A tetradrachm of the same king with the inscription in the local language, but parts of letters are off of the small flan.
    - A small piece with a bull on one side and a dromedary camel on the other side. The king's actual name, Vima Takto, appears on this piece. Coins with the complete legend show the complete name and title.
    - Vima Kadphises followed his father Vima Takto as king; Bob showed a coin with a figure of the king with the club of Hercules and a Greek legend on one side, while the other side has a figure of Shiva with a sacred bull and a local language legend.
    - Bob concluded with a piece of Chicago Coin Club history acquired on eBay — the 1956 Medal of Merit awarded to M. Vernon Sheldon.
3. To complement the featured speaker's talk, **Bob Feiler** brought an

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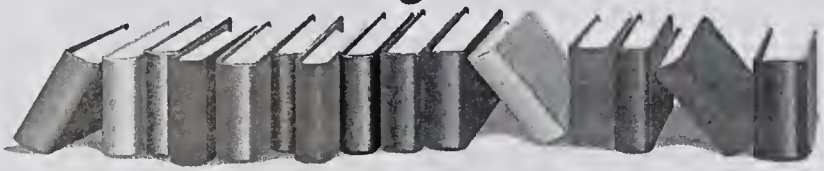

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assortment of ancient coins:

- His first ancient coin, featuring a sea eagle attacking a dolphin, came from a dealer's junk box.
- An ancient Greek coin with Pegasus flying right.
- A coin with the head of Artemis on the obverse and a hunting dog on the reverse.
- A coin with a laureate Zeus on one side and plowing with a cow on the other side.
- A commemorative of Rome with a helmeted Constantine the Great and a wolf nursing twins.

4. **Steve Zitowsky** showed some pieces that were not issued by recognized governments:
   - In 1961, the Katanga province in southern Congo broke away and coins were issued in its name. Steve showed 1 franc and 5 franc pieces in bronze, as well as a 5 franc in gold. All pieces show a Katanga cross on the reverse; that was an indigenous medium of exchange from an earlier time; they had been made from the abundant local copper deposits.
   - In 1969 the Nigerian province of Biafra broke away and coins were issued in its name. Steve showed a 3 pence, aluminum 1 shilling, 2½ shilling, and a silver 1 pound.
   - Dutch steamship tokens from the 1930s. They are denominated at 5 and 10 cents, and include the word *Boordgeld*.
5. **Steve Huber** briefly summarized some CICF acqisitions bfore passing them around on a tray. The wide range of pieces included:
   - A bracteate of Frederick II of Ohm, 1212-1250.
   - An Athenian owl from a recent hoard.
   - A proof 1913 Saxony 3 mark of Frederick II.
   - A 1772 Frankfurt cityview taler.
   - A very proof like 1880 5 pesetas from Spain.
   - An 1807 piece from Italian Tuscany.
   - Two certified pieces from the Brand collection: an 1833 Wurtemburg piece and a 1764 3 guilder from West Freisland.
6. **Phil Carrigan** showed an 1896 medal acquired from Stack's January George Gund III collection auction and including a pedigree to the Norweb collection. This Canadian medal features H.J. Tiffin and was issued for the Civic Library Inauguration. The reverse shows Chateua de Ramezay and the legend includes Museum and Library 1705-1896.
7. **Eric Schmidt** showed some circulation finds:
   - A gold plated 1964 Kennedy half dollar.
   - A 1989 off center cent found in a drawer of a fast food restaurant — his first job.
   - A 1972 cent on a possibly clipped planchet.
   - A 1905 Indian cent — the only Indian cent he ever found of the 60,000 cents searched in the last few years.

- A 1991-S proof Kennedy half dollar.
- A 1905 Liberty nickel that he grades Fair.
- A Tennessee state quarter with Elvis Presley.
- Eric concluded with a 1920 quarter dollar given by his great grandfather; the coin shows a full head and a full date.

8. **Robert Slobins** showed three 5 shilling Madonna pieces from Austria dated 1934, 1935, and 1936. After taking control of Austria the Nazis demonitized this series and melted them for silver, accounting for the rarity of the 1936 piece.
9. **Lyle Daly** showed a range of pieces:
    - A bronze folles of Galerius (305-311); Lyle noted that the letter spacing in the legend is independent of words. The mark of the Carthage mint is on the reverse.
    - A bronze folles of Licinius with Jupiter on the reverse.
    - With a tarteron of Manuel I and a half tarteron, Lyle has completed his denomination set of Byzantine coins.
    - A "radar" note found in circulation; the serial number on this 2001 series $20 is 12222221.

Birthday and Year Joined

July 4	Chester Poderski	
July 12	Flemming Lyngbeck Hansen	2000
July 13	Gerard Anaszewicz	1981
July 19	Terry L. Capps	1996
July 19	John R. Connolly	1997
July 19	Richard S. Hamilton	1986
July 27	David Simpson	1980

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Editor's Notes

Sorry for this thin issue — the write-ups from the two featured talks at our June meetings will be in the next isuue, along with a trip report from ANA Summer Seminar.

Every year, some club members submit trip reports about the ANA summer convention. Reports are accepted from all club members, so do not be shy. Submit something while it is all fresh in your memory

No need to list everything that happened there; a few paragraphs on your highlights of the convention is fine. Make us stay-at-homes want to attend the 2007 Milwaukee convention!

Paul Hybert

Minutes of the 1062nd Meeting

June 13, 2007

Session I of the 1062nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Robert Feiler with 19 members and 1 guest, Robert B. Slobins.

The May Minutes as printed in the *Chatter* were approved as published. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported for the month of May $331.00 in receipts, $520.07 in expenses and $10,954.28 in the treasury. His report was approved as read. The application for membership of Robert B. Slobins received a second reading and a motion was made and passed to accept him into the Club.

First V.P. Jeff Rosinia introduced the featured speaker, Mike Gasvoda, who delivered a program on *The Propaganda Coinage of Augustus — 27 BC – 14 AD*. Following the talk, Jeff presented Mike with an educational certificate from the American Numismatic Association.

The 10 exhibitors for the evening were: MARK WIECLAW — 1964 Kennedy half dollar with painted embellishments, cast issue antoninianus of Galerius (305-311 AD), gold aureus of Aelius (135-6 AD), silver tetradrachm from the Alexandria Mint; DAVID GUMM — paper currency weight for large-sized bank notes; DONALD DOOL — 2 exhibitor medals from the 2007 Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) show in St. Louis, first place award (foreign coins before 1700) from the same convention, 1621 pfennig from Fürsten, 1621 III heller from Goldberg, 1850s 1/8th real local Mexican issue for Zamora, 1814 50 centimes from Palma Nova, and Polish 1610 3-groszy contemporary counterfeit; STEVE HUBER — a double-taler probably struck in Frankfort showing Napoleon III but claimed as a pattern coin by both France and Germany, and a 1791 proof set from Sierra Leone; STEVE ZITOWSKY — coin weight English half guinea with head of George III, PW (pennyweight) 2, G (guinea)16, teapot (?) counterstamp, a 1598 German jeton not listed in Needleman's book, and a Hultsdorf Mills, Colombo, Ceylon black vulcanite token given to workers after picking 100-weight of coffee beans; MIKE GASVODA — a gold aureus of Galba (68-69 AD) completing his set of the gold coins of the twelve Caesars; ROBERT LEONARD — die duplicate from ANS specimen of a Crusader bezant of the county of Tripoli (1130-1160 AD) with evidence of jewelry mount removal, a crusader bezant of Kingdom of Jerusalem (1191-1210 AD) with jewelry mount damage, Dinar of Ayyubid Sultan Al-'Adil Abu Bakr II (1237-1239 AD) with evidence of mount damage; ROBERT SLOBINS — Brazilian 1699 20-reis in VF, 1893, 1901 and 1908 40-reis in BU, 1895 200-reis in AU+, and 1684 German 1/5 thaler, 18-groschen from Duchy of Brandenburg; ROBERT WEINSTEIN — silver obol of Eukratides King of Bactria, fouree copy of obol Eukratides, silver drachm of Indo-Greek King Diomedes, copper coin of Indo-Greek King Achebios, bronze coin of Scythian King Akossa, bronze coin of Celtic King Ailios. and bronze coin commemorating City of Rome; LYLE DALY — tokens and recent fare cards from the Chicago Transit Authority and 6 Canadian war nickels.

Under old business, Carl Wolf reported on the availability of a new meeting space. With Jeff Rosinia, they viewed meeting rooms at the Chicago Temple, Washington and Clark, where the largest room rents for $60 and would meet the Club's minimum requirements. The Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, has a room that seats 45-50 for $90. Member Jared Irish works for a downtown firm that has a room that seats 60 theatre style but he has not heard if it's available to our group.

Members were reminded that the Club will meet at 11 AM on Saturday, June 23 in conjunction with the Mid-America Coin Expo. Due to a conflict with the Milwaukee ANA convention, the Club's August 8 meeting is moved to August 15.

A recess was called at 9:20 PM and we will be called to order at 11 AM on

Saturday, June 23 at the MidAmerica Coin Expo.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

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Session II of the 1062nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held in conjunction with the MidAmerica Coin Expo in Rosemont. The meeting took place in the Mr. Lincoln Room at the Doubletree Hotel immediately across the street from the Stephens Convention Center. President Robert Feiler called the meeting to order at 11 AM with 23 members and 4 guests present. A motion was made and passed to follow an abbreviated meeting agenda.

The application for membership of Casimer (Casey) E. Fadze, Chicago, received first reading.

Carl Wolf announced upcoming programs then introduced Paul Cunningham who delivered the program *U.S. Military Tokens: Civil War to Present.* Following a question and answer period, President Feiler presented Paul with an ANA educational certificate and an engraved Club medal. Club Past-President Robert Leonard was introduced. Robert is the current President of the Token and Medal Society and he gave the membership an overview of the Society's goals and publications.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 AM.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

Important Dates

July	**11**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - John Riley on *Pre-World War II Token Issues from Shanghai*
August	**8-12**	ANA in Milwaukee - 116th Annual Convention - *our regular monthly meeting is postponed one week to avoid a scheduling conflict*
August	**15**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
September	**12**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Dennis Ciechna on *National Banknotes & Memorabilia from the Lawndale National Bank*

Our 1063rd Meeting

Date: July 11, 2007

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Featured speaker: John Riley - *Pre-World War II Token Issues from Shanghai*

Following the Spanish-American War, American financial interests expanded into Asia. Shanghai became the center of an international community of businessmen, profiteers and mercenaries who tapped oil wells, pursued cheap labor, ran gambling houses, etc. Shanghai was a city of extremes with untold extravagance and dejected poverty with a rapidly darkening specter of war about to wipe away their free-wheeling system. A student of Asian numismatics for many years, John Riley will share the history and tokens with U.S. connections issued during this era.

Birthday and Year Joined

August 11	Clifford Mishler	1995
August 19	Carl F. Wolf	1979
August 20	Melvyn Frear	1989
August 22	Mark Stackler	2007
August 26	Tom DeLorey	1984
August 26	Donald H. Doswell	1960
August 27	Kevin Foley	2007
August 29	James M. Rondinelli	1997

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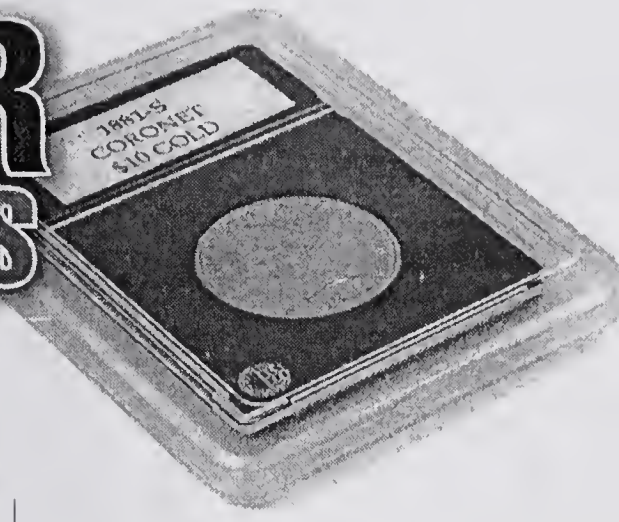

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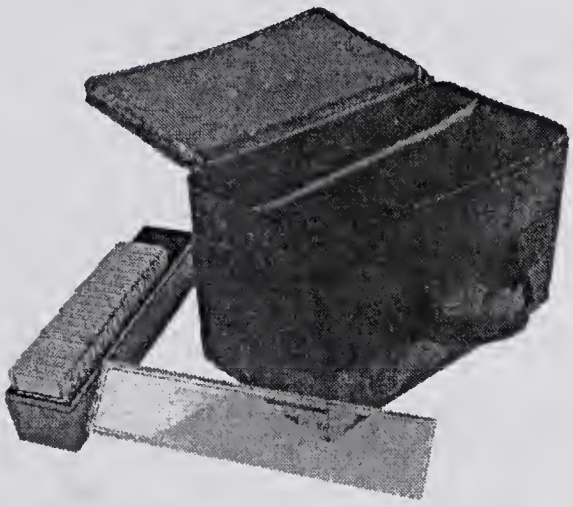

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CWCH12P	U.S. Capped Bust (1836-39), Seated Liberty, Barber, Walking Liberty, Franklin and Kennady Half Dollars
CWCH13P	U.S. Seated Liberty, Trada, Morgan, Peace & Elsenhower Dollars
CWCH14P	U.S. Anthony, Sacagawea & Presidential Dollars
CWCH15P	U.S. Coronet & Indian Head $5 Gold Half Eagles
CWCH16P	U.S. Flowing Hair & Draped Bust Half Dimes
CWCH17P	U.S. ¼ oz. Gold & Platinum American Eagles
CWCH18P	U.S. Coronet & Indian Head $10 Gold Eagles; ½ oz. Gold & Platinum American Eagles
CWCH19P	U.S. Coronet & St. Gaudens $20 Gold Double Eagles
CWCH20P	U.S. 1 oz. Silver American Eagles
CWCH21P	U.S. 20¢, Smaller Half Cents
CWCH22P	Larger U.S. Large Cents
CWCH23P	Smaller U.S. $20 Double Eagles
CWCH24P	Smaller U.S. Silver Dollars
CWCH25P	Smaller U.S. Peace Dollars
CWCH26P	U.S. Three Cents Silver
CWCH27P	U.S. Draped Bust, Capped Bust (1809-37) Dimes
CWCH28P	U.S. Coronet Gold Dollar
CWCH29P	U.S. Indian Head Gold Dollar
CWCH30P	U.S. 1/10 oz Gold American Eagle
CWCH32P	Canada 50¢ (1870-1967)
CWCH33P	Canada Silver Dollar (1935-1967)
CWCH34P	Great Britain Crown (1818-2003)
CWCH35P	Canada Dime
CWCH36P	Canada ¼ oz. Maple Leaf
CWCH37P	Canada ½ oz. Maple Leaf
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Delayed August Meeting

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Paul Hybert

Minutes of the 1063rd Meeting

The 1063rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order July 11, 2007 at 7:00 PM by President Robert Feiler in the 6th floor conference room, Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn. Attending were 17 members and 3 guests, Casimer (Casey) Fadze, Steven Ambos and Leroy Gayden.

June Minutes were approved as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted the June financial report which was read by the Secretary. Income for June was $338.50, expenses $235.01 and total assets $11,057.77. The report was approved as read.

A motion was passed to accept into membership Casimer (Casey) Fadze following a second reading of his application. The applications of Steven Ambos and Leroy Gayden received first readings.

First V.P. Jeff Rosinia introduced the featured speaker John Riley who delivered a program on *Pre-World War II Token Issues from Shanghai.*

Following a question and answer period, John was presented with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club speaker's medal.

Exhibitors for the evening were: ROBERT KULYS – a 2005 commemorative gold proof 500-litas from Lithuania with a mintage of 1,000; DONALD DOOL – stock certificate issued in 1892 issued by Baron De Humboldt, an 1893 stock certificate issued by Mineral De Santa Rosa, a remainder stock from Anglo-Argentine Tramways, a bi-metallic token from the Toronto Subway, a Ce Fi Ni pin from the Ituzaingo Coin Club and a medal showing San Martin monument in Montevideo; DAVID GUMM – an 1817 U.S. Large Cent from Rasmussen Collection, variety N1; MARC STACKLER – four coins issued during the Mexican Revolution (1910-17): a 1913 1-peso from Chihuahua Hidalgo Del Parral, a 1914 5-centavios from Chihuahua, an undated 50-centavos from Amecameca and a 1915 20-centavos from Tenancingo; JOHN RILEY – a 20-centavos ship token from the *U.S.S. Canopus* stationed in the Philippines, a $5 military token issued in the 1960s from Fort Sheridan, Great Lakes, IL and a token for the "American Bar" in Tunis, probably Tunisia; ANDREW MICHYETA – an 1890 ¼-rupee struck at the Heaton Mint and issued for Mombasa (Kenya) by the British East Africa Company, a 1906R 1-lira from San Marino, a 1935 1-rupia and a 1936 ½-rupia from Gao, a Portuguese colony in India; ROBERT FEILER – a 1937 100th anniversary medal issued by C.D. Peacock Jewelers containing a small piece of iron from their vault door that survived the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, an 1878 3-cent circulated nickel proof, an 1887/6 3-cent circulated proof PCGS certified and an 1866 half dime in VF20 PCGS certified; MARK WIECLAW – Gold Buffalo 2006 MS70 early strike, Gold Buffalo 2007 early release, an 1817 uniface 960-reis lead trial strike from Brazil, Roman silver denarii from Marc Antony, 32 B.C., a denarii from Vespasion, 69-79 A.D., and a denarii from Faustina Senior, wife of Antoninus Pius, who died in 141 A.D.; SHARON BLOCKER - $30 bank notes from Anigua and Barbuba issued in 23-karat gold overlay issued in commemoration of their independence from Great Britain; ROBERT LEONARD – sticker "I got this from Lung Men Nite Club, Shanghai, China," on a Chinese 10-cash coin; 2 Philippine quartos from 1828 with reversed arms on one, and a copy of Aldo Basso catalog; LYLE DALY – 50-centavios fractional currency issued by Misamis Occidental from the Mindano region of the Philippines, an unissued 10-pesos note printed by American Bank Note Company for Mexican revolutionary Francisco Mader, assassinated in 1913 in Chihuahua and a 1917 1-colon note issued by El Banko Anglo Costaricence showing a puzzling vignette of Mercury.

Under old business, the Secretary presented the Club's Archivist, William Burd, with serial number 001 of *Cigarette Money*, the Club's 2007 CICF educational souvenir and the Stone Mountain Commemorative Half Dollar presented to the Club by member John Whitfield at the January meeting.

Under new business it was announced that the ANA ballot arrived and the Treasurer was authorized to vote for those candidates for Governor endorsed by the Club: Joseph Boling, Don Dool, Chester Krause, Clifford Mishler and Wendell Wolka. A poll of the evening's membership showed 15 members planning to attend the upcoming ANA Convention in Milwaukee. President Feiler announced that the front page of the July 10 issue of *Numismatic News* published with photographs the story of the June 23rd surprise Merciless Roast of Carl Wolf and presentation of a Chicago Coin Club Lifetime Achievement Award. Feiler announced that he has remaining souvenir medals showing a "schematic Carl." After thanking the Club for the surprise event, Carl was presented with a binder holding a printout of the program and put together by Lyle Daly.

A motion was made and passed to reserve space at Marcello's Restaurant, 645 W. North Ave., Chicago for the December 12th Annual Banquet including authorization to make a deposit.

It was announced that the Club's next meeting will be held August 15th, the 3rd Wednesday, so it will not be in conflict with the Milwaukee ANA Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

Birthday and Year Joined

September	2	John Wilson	1984
September	7	James M. McMenamin	1975
September	18	Michael M. Dolnick	1952
September	18	Gregory Gajda	1999
September	19	Russell F. Wajda	2000
September	20	Winston Zack	2005
September	21	Kerry K. Wetterstrom	1999
September	24	Michael A. Pesha	1979
September	25	Saul Needleman	1992
September	26	Dennis P. Ciechna	1999
September	29	Gordon R. Donnell	1999

Speaker's Wor[l]d
U.S. Military Tokens: Civil War – Current

A presentation by Paul A. Cunningham
to our June 24, 2007 meeting.

Tokens are known from just about every type of U.S. military facility. Paul started his presentation by distributing a handout picturing many tokens, then he pointed out their similarities and differences. First up were tokens from domestic bases, arranged by state or, for some 19th century pieces, territory.

An aviation repair depot token in Alabama started our tour, followed by a radar station in Alaska and it's Elmendorf Air Forcs Base. Arizona was represented by two: one from a fort or post from the frontier Indian years, and the other from before World War I. California was well represented: Alcatraz first was a military base after the Gold Rush, then a military detention center, and finally a federal prison; a pool table is pictured on a token from a San Diego military hospital (Brunswick made pool tables as well as the tokens for them); and a Presidio token has lovely engraving. These tokens functioned as a medium of exchange and not as souvenirs, so most are very plain; a bomb is featured on a Rock Island Arsenal (Illinois) token.

Sme tokens were good for only one item: a Minnesota Navy token good for a bus fare, a New York token good for a ration of bread, and a Navy token good for ice cream on board a ship. A sutler token from Fort Kearny in the Nebraska Territory was good only at that private establishment.

The earliest shown overseas tokens dated from the Spanish American War: Camp Columbia in Cuba, and a base in Puerto Rico. Among the most recent, a set of three (same sizes as U.S. coins) from Viet Nam, used in slot machines. A piece from Clark Air Force Base (near Manila) moved someone to comment that when an acquaintance had been there, the 31st was known first as the Dirty First but then later as the Thirsty First.

The program showed us a sample of what has been used, and concluded with a brief discussion of how tokens were issued. The site closest to Chicago known to have issued a token is Ft. Sheridan which is located north of Chicago on the shore of Lake Michigan.

Speaker's Wor[l]d
Worlds Collide in Old Shanghai
Pre-World War II Token Issues

by John Riley
presented to our July 11, 2007 meeting.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," famously penned Charles Dickins in his 1840 epic, *A Tale of Two Cities*. Removed by a time span of one hundred years and a continent's width, Shanghai, China in 1940 was also observing momentous highsand lows of its own; one city in sunshine enjoying untold extravagance meeting another in a rapidly darkening spectre of total war.

Several trade token issues with distinct American connections mark this tumultuous era.

As United States territories extended far into the Pacific following the Spanish-American War, so-called "Big Oil" interests were buoyed by the profits of capitalism in Asia during the first two decades of the twentieth century. John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil, in particular, had an expansionist fever and capitalized on mechanized society's thirst for inexpensive fuel sources as automobile production began to boom. Following the lead of Great Britain, Germany, the Dutch and Japanese, Shanghai's growing international community in the 1920s included salaried businessmen, profiteers and mercenaries alike from the U.S. in the ranks of expatriates pursuing a living in China.

Unlimited cheap labor quickly fed the American investment and mass production mills, service firms and banks built up the contingent. Postal authorities established in 1919 a colonial office to meet increasing demand and a series of regular U.S. postage stamps was overprinted at a 1:2 rate to facilitate outgoing American mail from the port of Shanghai.

Sent as a police force to protect United States citizens and infrastructure during the Chinese Revolution, President Calvin Coolidge dispatched the U.S. Marines Third Brigade by ship from San Diego in 1927. The majority of the "leathernecks" were quartered in Tientsen in northern China and were partered with the U.S. Army's 15th Infantry Regiment to protect the American Embassy in Peking.

United States policy at the time viewed Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Kuomintang (KMT) Party with suspicion as a communist-aligned rebel

movement, but later would recognize Chiang as he mobilized organized criminal groups with great blood-letting to undermine the Chinese Communist Party at Shanghai, on the central coast.

The Fourth Marine Regiment, a unit within the 3rd Brigade, was assigned to set up barracks in Shanghai while the U.S. Navy plyed the large inland waterways of the Yantze and Yellow Valleys, attempting to enforce a fragile stalemate between Chiang and the government warlords.

One of the most lionized figures in U.S. Marine Corps history, Brigadier General Smedley Darlington Butler, would command the 3rd Brigade Marines from 1927-1929. Butler was atwice awarded the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Medal of Honor for personal heroism and leadership under fire — the first award in Peking, China during the so-called "Boxer Rebellion" of 1900 and again in 1914 at Veracruz, Mexico, the storied "Halls of Montezuma." Famously, he went on record refusing to accept the second award, citing he was not deservant.

Although the larger implications would seemingly be ignored, Shanghai duty of the 1930s was to provide front-row seating to Imperial Japan's bold escalation of land and resource acquisition. As observers only, members of the 4th Regiment would lament they were "the Marines that wouldn't fight."

The mood was much lighter however within the social circles of the International Community's residents. Indeed, Shanghai kept the traditions of the Roaring '20s alive and had developed a reputation for the highest levels of cultural sophistication, albeit segregated against the host Chinese, as well as a no-holds-barred center for decadence and vice; a bottle of Johnny Walker Scotch would ring up for 97 cents "Mexican" and top-shelf gin at only 62 cents.

The "Horse Marines," (a patrol and parade reference dating back to the first U.S. military campaigns overseas), with spare time and pocket change, produced their own light-hearted commemoration of expeditionary duty. The Soochow River borders the old International Community and is, in fact, a simultaneous open sewage and irrigation canal. The central device on the Soochow Creek Medal is a farmer and his "honey wagon!" The reverse design embellishes all recipients for heroism in the fictional "Battle of Soochow Creek."

As the Great Depression settled over much of the world, enterprising American mobsters cast their lot in Shanghai and elsewhere as law enforcement in the United States was making gains on organized crime. Asian operating rules tended to be looser and the local citizenry more inclined to turn a blind eye.

One such character entered the scene, assuming the name E.T. ("Jack") Riley and prepared numerous brass tokens for use in his slot machine game rooms and nightclubs. The author was interested in pursuing a potential family connection but learned Riley was in fact an escaped convict from Oklahoma named Becker. Becker had enlisted in the U.S. Navy under an assumed name and jumped ship when opportunity presented itself in Shanghai. As Riley, he quickly established himself as a gaming boss in the local slot machine trade. The incuse 4th Marine's Club (sic) tokens (Cunningham CH-10 and CH-20) are considered military by association and are attributed as such, but were actually slot machine tokens with Riley's E.T.R. initials on the reverse and issued by him in the late 1930s.

Several variations of this piece exist; D.D.'s Café tokens are relatively available and as many as two dozen similar, though scarcer, varities exist. D.D.'s Café was a chain of clubs with several locations — apparently all with the same name. For film buffs, a D.D.'s Café was recreated in the opening scenes of the movie *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* (set in Shanghai).

Dated Fourth Marines Club tokens of 1939 and 1940 (CH-30) are 5-cent "good for's" also believed to have been produced for Riley. Becker, or Riley, was eventually exposed and arrested in late 1940. He saw trial in Shanghai's American Court and was deported back to the United States for prosecution.

The political situation was rapidly declining in the late 1930s for all Western presence in China as the Japanese military violently overwhelmed many areas of the country. Shanghai itself fell in 1937, but the International Settlement officially remained "neutral" to the fighting. The U.S. Marine Corps garrison in Shanghai, after being a largely silent witness to the gathering storm, struck camp and shipped out for Cavite and Olongapo in the Philippines in late November, 1941 — mere days before the first Japanese bombs would fall in Hawaii. Most of these "China Marines" who departed Shanghai that fateful November would have to face surrender and worse in Japanese prison camps by Spring, 1942. Others who had transferred out earlier would go on to distinguish themselves in action across the Pacific Theater of War.

A curious token issue of great speculation from this period is the Tong K. Wing series. These pieces are enigmatic as they are rarely encountered in China but are seen with some regularity in the U.S., prompting some to label them as fantasies. The backward "K" seen on the one (dollar) trade piece is viewed as a particularly attractive "hook" to lure in the erstwhile exonumismatist. Veteran hobbyists, however, point out that these tokens sold for only 25 cents or so in the 1960s U.S. coin market, hardly a profitable item to "fake." Another theory speculates they originated from a U.S. token maker in late 1941 — produced too late to ship to China when war came. A hoard of as many as 200 Tong K. Wing pieces came to light in Australia in the 1980s, perhaps brought there by a returning soldier or sailor as souveniers of World

War II service.

Japan's designs of a "Co-Prosperity Sphere" that would return Asia to Asian control ironically did occur in many formerly-occupied areas after the War. Shanghai would not see an "open" status, or any sizeable expatriate presence, for a generation and a glamorous era of high style and oppulance had come to an end.

Official China today struggles to validate the foreign interludes of the past, but the history in our hands, the token issues of pre-war Shanghai, provide a fascinating glimpse of one city's glamour and ruin. The best of times, the worst of times.

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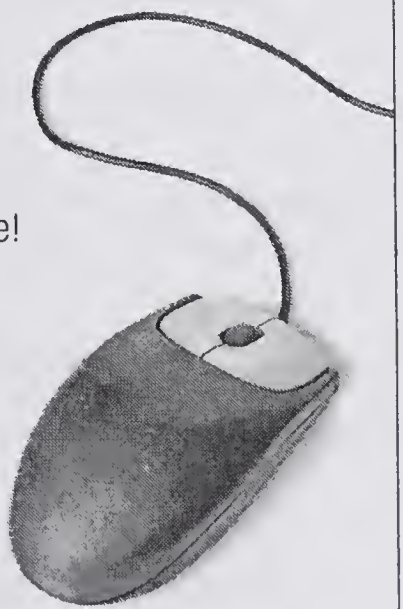

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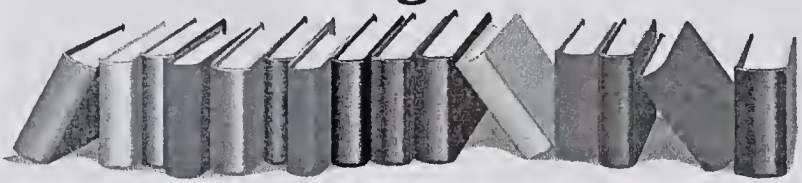

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Trip Report
2007 ANA Summer Seminar

Winston Zack

My *Into to Grading U.S. Coins* class consisted of two instructors, one a PCGS Grader and the other a coin dealer from the Colorado area. My class was packed with 25 students including me; there were 5 Young Numismatists (YNs) and 20 adults ranging in age from 25 to 75. A few of my classmates from last year were in my class this year, and it was great to meet so many more people.

My first day there we took a pretest on grading professionally graded coins from NGC. I tied for the highest pre-test grade with a whopping 8 correct out of 25. This pretest grade did not impress me one bit, though I was elated to have the highest score. The rest of our first day was spent taking notes on some of the EXTREMELY basic, to me, ways in which to grade coins (i.e. distinguishing a Mint State coin from a Proof coin, or distinguishing weakly struck coins from well struck coins that are slightly worn). That afternoon I went to a coin shop a couple of blocks away, Hallenbeck Coins, and bought an 1846 Seated quarter graded VF-20 by them. Looking at the coin, I knew it was atleast a VF-30 and that the date was doubled. My $41 purchase turned into a $120+ coin. That was my only coin purchase the whole week.

Day two of my class consisted of individually looking at coins, writing down what grade I thought they were, and recording it with or without a description on why I graded the coin the way I did. For the most part, I wrote a small reasoniong as to why I graded each coin the way I did. I believe we went over 73 coins that day and all were in either 24 or 25 coin increments. They went easy on us that first day and gave us 45 seconds to grade each coin. I used that time wisely to look at all the details of each coin I was given and I pretty much depended on my 8x magnifier. For that first day I got 37 of 73 correct (51%) and I was 52 of 73 coins (71%) either correct or one grade off. After each batch each of the instrucors went over what they thought the graded coins would grade. Obviously, each coin's grade was blocked by some tape to keep us from cheating.

Day 3 was the same except more coins and less time to grade each. In the morning we did some more individual grading with only 30 seconds per coin for 25 coins. I again grew less dependent on my magnifier and graded more on look than on micro-grading (finding the smallest imperfections and making them the biggest problems). In the afternoon, the instuctors split the class up into groups of either 4 or 5 people to do what is called group grading; we did

this the entire day. Again, we were given 24 coins to look at, each person recorded what they thought the coin was graded and at the end of each set of four coins we would come up with a consensus as to what we would all grade each coin. In all, we graded 48 coins as a group and individually everyone graded 123 coins. Our group's stats that day were 24 of 48 correct (50%) and 34 of 48 (71%) within one grade. My individual stats that day improved quite a bit; I was 74 for 123 (60%) correct and 96 of 123 (78%) within one grade. I was quite pleased with how I had improved this day, and even more so when I graded 20 of 24 (83.3%) on one set of coins correctly, 2 coins being off by one grade. My instuctors were blown away by this stat.

My final day in class we did more coin grading in our groups. We had to come up with a coin grading service name for our group and we decided to call it KAGS (Kick-Ass Grading Service). We went through four sets of 24 coins to grade, this time with a little more variance in the types of coins we were to grade, but not by much. Here's how we did in our group for each set.

Group Grading

Set 1) 13 of 24 correct with another 7 coins within one grade

Set 2) 13 of 24 correct with another 5 coins within one grade

Set 3) 12 of 24 correct with another 8 coins within one grade

Set 4) 12 of 24 correct with another 8 coins within one grade

Overall we, as a group, graded 52% correctly and 81% within one grade. We were second overall in the class for grades correctly attributed. The first place team set a new record of 75% correctly graded. We got SMOKED.

We then went on to take our final test in the afternoon. This time it went back to individual grading of coins and only 30 seconds for each coin. I seldom used my loupe and only needed it when I was between grades or had more time. On the final I scored the third highest in the class with 19 of 25 correct, beatend by a 21/25 and a 20/25. Not too shabby I would say. I think 4th best was 16/25 and so on. Individually for that day I was 86 for 121 (71%) correctly graded and 106 of 121 (88%) within one grade.

I believe these stats speak for themselves as to why I thought the class was more basic than what I had anticipated. I believe I can grade between 65 and 75% of all coins successfully, and be within one point for 80-90% of the coins I look at.

Outside of class I went to that coin shop, ate some so-so food in the cafeteria, played a lot of pool, met some interesting and amazing people, and pretty much just talked coins the entire time. The YN auction raised over $13,500 for next year's scholarship recipients.

My visit to the ANA Library, Museum and Book Sale resulted in my purchasing two old books: a 1938 U.S. Coin mintage guide book and a 1979 Book on U.S. Pattern coins. I searched the library for references on the rarity of some of my error and variety coins, of which I have several tougher to find coins and one coin that is an unlisted variety. And I visited the museum to gawk at some of the rarest U.S. coins. I took many pictures and once I find out how to upload and email them, I will.

The weather held up, for the most part. It was warm and sunny all the days except for one, when it rained in the afternoon and there was even a tornado warning.

Our 1064th Meeting

Date:	August 15, 2007
Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Downtown Chicago At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*
Featured speaker:	Marc Stackler - *Coinage from the Mexican War of Independence, 1810-1821* Father Miguel Hidalgo initiated an insurrection against Spain on September 16, 1810. Independence was finally achieved in 1821 by General Agustin de Iturbide who became Mexico's first emperor. When the war began the Mexico City Mint was the only mint in what is modern-day Mexico, but as insurgents began to cut the roads royalists were forced to open provincial branch mints to meet the needs of commerce. Insurgent forces issued their own coins which begin to show images reflecting a genuine Mexican culture. Marc Stackler has collected a wide range of Mexican coins for over 10 years and is a student of Mexican history. Join Marc as he tells the story of Mexican independence through their coinage and explains the significance of Mexico's passage from a colony into an independent nation.

Lifetime Achievement Award
to Carl Wolf

The Carl Wolf Roast story began a few years ago after several CCC members mentioned that "we should do something special for Carl." These suggestions sparked the germ of an idea for some type of celebration or get together to honor our "club catalyst" Carl. The preliminary idea of a dinner get-together or some such event was discussed with Mark Wieclaw, Drew Michyeta and Bill Burd to name just a few and all were positive about the idea of doing something to honor Carl. The idea lay dormant for quite sometime until January 2007 when I decided it was time to take action and make things happen this year. A number of people were contacted and the nucleus of a committee was formed. One person mentioned that Carl had been heard to say that he was the person or "lynch pin" responsible for getting all of the special CCC events organized and off the ground. This led us to the conclusion of how great it would be if we could pull off a big surprise party in Carl's honor under his very nose without him knowing a thing about it.

Our initial plan was to have a surprise dinner Saturday night to coincide with the CICF show at Rosemont. Initial contacts and rough plans were made with Carl's wife Jennie to work out some of the particulars. Unfortunately we discovered that no restaurants with private rooms were available for the CICF Saturday date and many of the key people we wanted to attend had previous engagements. A hasty regrouping followed and a decision was made to reschedule the event for Saturday June 23rd during the Mid-America show. A volunteer committee consisting of Bill Burd, Lyle Daly, Elliott Krieter, Bob Leonard, Drew Michyeta, Jeff Rosinia, and Steve Zitowsky was formed to begin planning for the event in earnest.

The first planning meeting was held at Connie's Pizza on Archer Avenue at which time we decided the dinner event would be a good natured Roast to gently poke fun at Carl, sort of like the "big brother you love to hate." Our initial priority was to locate a restaurant with a private party room convenient to the Stephens Convention Center on River Road in Rosemont that had decent food and within our price range of approximately $35 per person. Many area restaurants were called, visited and sampled. Bill Burd and I had a dinner at Giannotti's Italian Steak House on River Road, our final choice for the event and were impressed by the cuisine, service, parking and amenities of their private room which was available June 23rd. Plans were drawn up for the "secret mailings" to be done announcing the roast to the membership and other interested parties. Announcements were laid out, invitations were printed and Bill Burd offered to handle the mailing to potential attendees. Plans for follow up mailings were made and these were also carried out by

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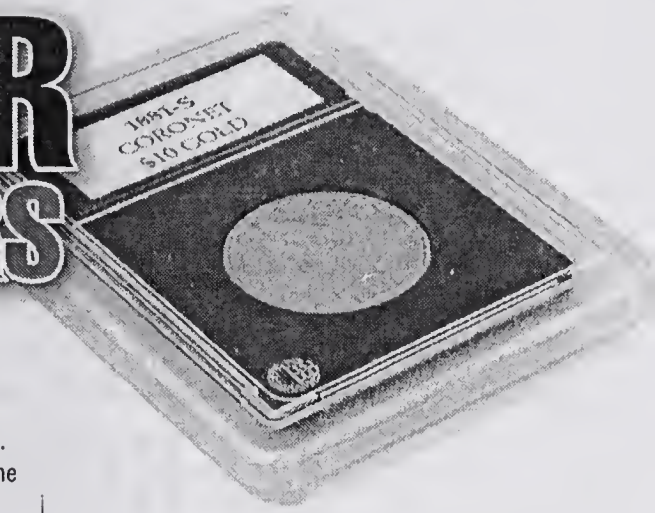

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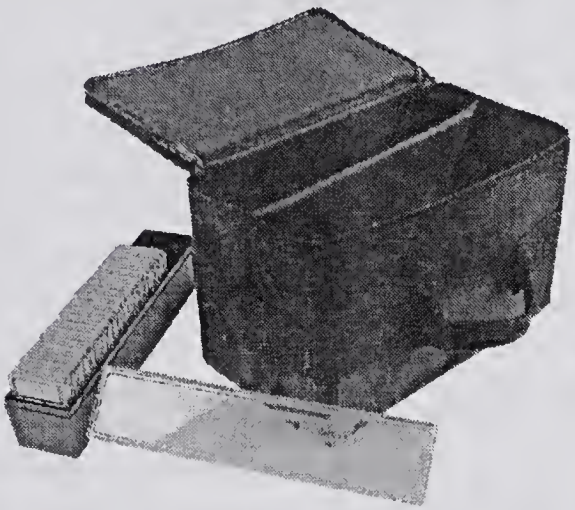

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Bill. Lots of planning and discussions were being held between the formal meetings with lots of phone calls and e-mails between the roast members.

Several more meetings at Connie's Pizza followed and the Carl Wolf Roast planning took off in earnest; one could almost say that it "took on a life of its own," something the Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin Rat Pack would have been proud of. The committee enjoyed getting together at Connie's and enjoyed Bill's generous donation of an appetizer tray each time. Jennie became our co-conspirator and was able to supply early family photos and more current ones of the roastee. Lyle Daly had the idea of a comprehensive Power Point presentation to be shown during the dinner Roast which would weave in photos, cartoons, quotes and various humorous tid-bits. The final Power Point presentation was suitable for a Hollywood production.

A gag gift idea was discussed at length with consideration given to stuffed Moose heads, stuffed wolves and similar outrageous gifts. However commonsense prevailed and the committee was unanimous in agreeing about a giant Yap Stone to be fabricated out of Styrofoam by Elliott Krieter. Bob Leonard's research and formal reading of the story to obtain the Yap stone and bring it to Chicago was enjoyed by all. Elliott also procured and produced the giant banner which was mounted on the wall and signed by all in attendance at the roast.

A great deal of time was spent discussing an appropriate life time achievement award plaque to honor Carl and his many years of hard work contributing to the Club's success. We selected a large 11" X 14" white marble plaque with the club's silver Janus medals (which Carl helped design) mounted on the bottom. Steve Zitowsky contributed not only immeasurably to the planning meetings but also financially and was the procurement officer in charge of obtaining the above referenced Janus medals and other matters of subterfuge.

Cliff Mishler, former CEO of Krause Publishing, was recruited by Bob Leonard to lure Carl to a free dinner after the Saturday Mid-America show to discuss a fictitious planned fall coin show for the Chicago area.

Mark Wieclaw supplied much hard work, ideas and photos of the event and read Carl tributes from people who could not attend.

Bob Feiler

Speaker's Wor[l]d
The Propaganda Coinage of Augustus — 27 BC to 14 AD

by Mike Gasvoda
presented to our June 13, 2007 meeting.

Introduction:
The forces of Octavian defeated those of Marc Antony at the Battle of Actium in 31 BC. The final conclusion was not totally resolved until Antony's death in August of 30 BC. In the ensuing period Octavian was forced to deal with settlement of troops and all the logistical issues of ending 13 long years of war within the empire. During this period he still held no constitutional authority, although no one dared question his power. This constitutional issue was resolved in early 27 BC when Octavian was given the title Augustus by the Roman senate. The same reform also gave him many constitutional powers legally that he already had "de facto."

This did not mean that all was well as far as the long term impact of "one man rule." Rome had never been ruled by a single man and there was much work to do to reform the government. Augustus always worried about succession after he died and he spent much of his remaining years solidifying his power and the right of his heirs to assume that power upon his death. While his coinage as Octavian shows the propaganda of a man trying to gain supreme power, his coinage as Augustus often shows the propaganda of a man trying to hold on to and strengthen that power. This presentation will focus on the propaganda of his coinage as Augustus.

The word propaganda is today often associated with ill will. Frankly Webster's definition of the word does not indicate that this is so and I don't place any ill will on the use of the term as it relates to the coinage of Augustus.

Propaganda as defined by Webster is "the systematic propagation of a doctrine or cause or of information reflecting the views and interests of those advocating such a doctrine or cause." As you will see in this presentation, few words can better describe the coinage of Augustus.

Titles and Honors:
Throughout his life Augustus was given many titles and honors. The name Augustus alone qualifies as both of these. He made great use of each of these titles on his coinage. While he may have earned the titles described below, it became common for his successors to assume the same titles as a "right of

ruling." The following titles and honors are described in the order they were used or granted.

Caesar: This name was given to Octavian by his adoptive father, Julius Caesar. In the future the title "Caesar" will come to be known as the heir to the throne. For example, Titus and Domitian both used the title Caesar while their father, Vespasian, was still alive. On ascending to power they also kept this title but added Augustus — see below.

Divi F(ilius): This title roughly translates as "son of the divine" — or more directly as "son of a God." Octavian begins using this phrase on his coinage after the deification of Julius Caesar by the Roman senate in 42 BC. Interestingly, as Octavian was Julius Caesar's great nephew, it was only by adoption that he was the "son" of a God.

IMP (Imperator): Imperator can be roughly translated to the modern day victorious general of the army. Historically the "IMP" title was only given to military leaders who had won campaigns in the field. This title would also be assumed by succeeding emperors who had little, if any, real military experience. The fact is the man who was emperor controlled the military might of Rome. Even though victory afield may not have been accomplished, the emperor was the true head of the Roman military machine.

Augustus: The title Augustus was given to Octavian by the Roman senate in 27 BC. This title would be assumed by all succeeding rulers of the empire when they ascended to power. When conferred on Octavian by the Roman senate the title can be translated to mean "revered" or, in English, "august one."

COS (Consul): There were two consuls elected each year. The consul was the chief law maker of the Roman legal system. They could create laws and were responsible for determining legal decisions based on present law. Octavian was first named consul in 43 BC. He would hold this office many times during his lifetime. Succeeding emperors would also take this position but not always with every year of their reign. This was an elected position but the emperor often determined who would run for the office. The consuls were responsible for managing the senate meetings. Only a tribune could veto a law created by a consul. Thus the emperor often assumed the "Tribunis Potestas" as well. See immediately below.

TR P or TR POT (Tribunis Potestas): The tribune was the chief decider of legal disputes within the Roman legal system. Their decision was considered final. The tribune was the only Roman who could veto the laws created by the consul. Many Roman emperors assumed this role upon ascension to the throne.

Corona Civica: The corona civica is an honor given to a Roman who saved another Roman's life in battle. This is a gold crown that is granted the designee by the Roman senate. It was granted to Augustus annually beginning in 27 BC. This is shown on his coinage by the "OB CIVIS SERVATOS" reverse design which shows the golden wreath which forms the crown on the circumference of such coins. It makes its appearance on coinage after the release of the Parthian prisoners in 19 BC.

Clipeus Votivus (CL V): The Clipeus Votivus was a golden shield awarded to Augustus in 27 BC by the Roman senate. One of these shields was placed on the door of his home and a second was placed at the senate house. These shields identified the virtues and victories of Augustus. It made its major appearance on his coinage after the release of the Parthian prisoners in 19 BC.

Pontifex Maximus (PM; PONT/F MAXIM; or PON MAX): Augustus assumed this title upon the death of Lepidus, member of the second triumvirate, in 13 BC. Translated as "Chief Priest" this was a significant role as the Pontifex Maximus led all religious ceremonies to the pagan Gods.

Pater Patrae (PP): The Roman senate, running out of honors to give Augustus, declared that he was Pater Patrae (father of the country) in 6 AD. This title would be assumed by many succeeding emperors but was granted by the Roman senate. Cicero was the first to receive this honor and it was also bestowed upon Julius Caesar. It carried no legal significance.

The Horoscope Reading:
Octavian assumed "divine right" with the senate naming of Julius Caesar as a God in 42 BC. However a significant event also occurs in his life which is unrelated to the adoption by Julius Caesar. It is quoted in text by Suetonius that Augustus went to an astrologer with Agrippa to have their fortunes read. Agrippa went first. His fortune was glowing and Augustus deferred to have his read out of fear that it would be inferior to that of his friend. When he finally relented his own horoscope was so great that Augustus had it published so that all may know the greatness destined for him. This is the source of the Capricorn coinage of Augustus. Future emperors, born under the Capricorn sign, would use his horoscope reading as their implied right to rule.

Victories and Alliances:
Octavian had made great propaganda use of the victories he accomplished prior to his being renamed Augustus by the Roman senate in 27 BC. He continued the use of victories, military or otherwise, on his coinage after he was renamed Augustus.

AEGYPTO CAPTA: This series relates to the capture of Egypt with the death of Antony and Cleopatra. Although this occurs before the naming of Augustus, the coinage issues fall around the time of his renaming as Augustus.

The theme is renewed with the bronze issues of Colonia Nemausus (see below) from 9 to 3 BC.

SIGNIS RECEPTIS: The "SIGNIS RECEPTIS" series is one of the largest issues of the coinage of Augustus. Specifically these words mean that the signposts, or standards, were returned to Rome after their being held by the Parthians. There are two related issues, "Armenia Capta" and the "Temple of Mars Ultor" which will be discussed separately below. The significance of the return of the Parthian Standards cannot be overstated. These military standards were lost in battle with the Parthians in 53 BC when Crassus, member of the first triumvirate, attempted to conquer Parthia. It is reported that the standards were proudly displayed at the Parthian capital and this fact was a disgrace to the Roman military establishment.

Julius Caesar was in preparation for an invasion of Parthia when he was murdered in the Roman senate in 44 BC. Marc Antony subsequently pitched a failed battle with the Parthians in 36 BC where roughly half his troops were either lost or enslaved. It was not until 20 BC when Augustus and Tiberius traveled east that a truce was made with the Parthians and the standards were returned to Rome and Antony's enslaved troops were freed. This was a major victory for Augustus even though it was not of a military nature. RIC lists 39 distinct coin types using this single theme.

ARMENIA CAPTA: This series, which also includes the more obscure "Armenia Recepta" issues, relate to the eastern travels of Augustus and Tiberius mentioned immediately above. Upon the death of Tigranes, the Armenian King, Augustus was responsible for the placement of his son upon the throne after he sent Tiberius and Roman legions to subdue Artavasdes, a challenger to the throne, by a show of military might. The reality is the more correct description might be a "subduing" of Armenia but it nonetheless appears on his coinage as "Capta".

Buildings & Structures

Augustus himself was sure to point out that he found Rome in brick but left it in marble. His construction accomplishments were well defined in his famous "Res Gestae" which was a self written (or directed) list of his lifetime accomplishments. This description was placed at his tomb and delivered throughout the empire. Although much of his construction does not appear on coinage, the following structures do appear.

Curia Julia: The Curia Julia was the Roman senate house that was rebuilt by Augustus after its destruction by arson when Julius Caesar was murdered. As is described in the Res Gestae, Augustus paid personally to have this building rebuilt on its original site. The senate building still sits on its original site and can be viewed today.

The Temple of Mars Ultor: Octavian promised that he would build a temple to Mars Ultor (Mars the avenger) after the murder of Julius Caesar. The temple appears on a significant series of coinage in 19 to 16 BC. What is of interest is the actual temple was not dedicated until 2 BC and it is unclear if it was even completed at that time. It is therefore certain that the images of this temple on coins were simply guesses at what the final structure would look like. In reality the round domed structure would eventually be built as a rectangular structure whose foundations can still be seen in the Roman Forum. This structure is significant as the resting place of the standards returned from the Parthians. It is also the sending off point for generals and their armies headed into war.

The Altar of Lugdunum: This structure appears on bronze coinage of Augustus from about 12 BC. It relates to an altar built at the confluence of the Saone and Rhone rivers in Lugdunum Gaul. The fact is that worship of a living Roman was forbidden in Rome itself; however Augustus did not discourage his worship outside Rome. He did however prefer the worship of Rome itself in addition to any worship of him as its ruler. Hence the common inscription of "Rom Et Aug" (Rome and Augustus) on coins like this and the temple issues of Asia.

The Temple at Pergamum: Pergamum, in modern Turkey, but a Greek city in ancient times, was an important trade center. Like the altar of Lugdunum, a temple was built at Pergamum to the worship of Rome and Augustus. The temple was of such importance that it is a common image on the cistophoric tetradrachms of the city. Many such temples were erected throughout the eastern empire but the temple at Pergamum was glorified on its coinage.

The Arch of Augustus: There was an arch erected in Rome in honor of Augustus after the return of the Parthian Standards. The arch is variously shown as a single and a triple arch. Archaeologists have since found what they believe to be the foundation remains of arches of both designs, with the single span foundation below the triple span.

The Equestrian Statue & the Cippus: In 43 BC Octavian insisted that the Roman senate dedicate an equestrian statue in his honor for his role in ending the siege of Mutina. This statue was placed in the Roman forum and is glorified on the first coinage of Octavian to show his image. This design is later (16 BC) resurrected along with a cippus (signpost) reverse which describes his role in funding the rebuilding and extending of the road system into Rome and throughout the Roman empire.

All for the People

As stated earlier, Augustus goes to great lengths in the "Res Gestae" to describe all the things he has done for the people of Rome. And surely a reading of this document will confirm that he has done incredible things for

the Roman people. While many of these "gestures" may be implied in his coinage, there are two specific events which can clearly be seen. These are described below.

Ludi Seculares: Augustus revived the secular games held in honor of the 100 year anniversaries of the founding of Rome. While he held many "games" throughout his lifetime, the secular games have specific reference on his coinage. While the secular games are clearly for the people (or plebs) it is interesting to find such a reference on a gold aureus of Augustus — clearly not a coin used in everyday commerce.

Colonia Nemausus (COL NEM): Nemausus (modem day Nimes, France) was a Celtic settlement that was settled by the Augustan troops who fought in the war against Cleopatra and Antony. Augustus, in the Res Gestae, describes how he personally funded the lands made available for the settlement of retiring troops throughout the empire. While these settlements are lost to coinage reference, Nemausus is specific in their bronze coinage to the fact that the troops settled there fought in the battle against Cleopatra and Antony. The alligator (or crocodile) chained to the palm tree is in specific reference to their military efforts. Both Augustus and Agrippa appear on the obverse of this coinage issue.

Building a Dynasty

The challenges of the young Octavian to become the sole ruler of the Roman Empire were very significant. His ability to overcome the odds against him are nothing short of amazing. Unfortunately, he was the first man to control the fate of the empire on an individual basis and the success of the empire after his rule was always anything but certain. He spent the better part of his time as Augustus trying to solidify the "right to rule" upon his death. He would, during his lifetime, glorify his family in an attempt to secure the role of his chosen successor. Here are examples of the men he chose to elevate to roles as his successor.

Agrippa: Marcus Agrippa was Octavian's childhood friend and his key military strategist throughout his life. Although no one can question Octavian's political genius it is clear that much of his military success came as a result of the talents of Agrippa. Agrippa would eventually marry Octavia, the now renamed Augustus' sister. Augustus felt that Agrippa would surely outlive him and felt he was the single man who was most qualified to continue the empire under "single rule." Augustus surely granted Agrippa the right to issue coins in his own name. Augustus also includes Agrippa's image on the reverse of a silver coin of his own. Unfortunately Agrippa precedes Augustus in death. His first successor has left him.

Caius & Lucius: Augustus has two grandsons from his daughter Julia. He brings the young boys into his house and raises them as his own. As Caius and

Lucius begin to grow up he places their images on coins in what is a clear attempt to name them as his chosen successors. Sadly both young men die premature deaths and Augustus is once again left without a successor.

Tiberius: Augustus is finally left no choice but to name his stepson Tiberius as his chosen heir. Although it is clear from historical records that he did not want Tiberius to succeed him he had no alternatives as he neared the end of his life. It is not until the year before his death that Tiberius finally appears on the coinage of Augustus. Interestingly, much of the dislikes of Tiberius voiced by Augustus can be mirrored in the incredible boredom of his coinage after he succeeds Augustus.

Summary

Of the 550 listings of the coinage of Augustus in RIC over 300 can be defined as "propaganda coins". It is most likely the coins that don't qualify under this heading are the coins issued by the moneyers with their own family references. The political genius of Augustus cannot be understated. This can be clearly seen in the imagery placed on his coinage. It is with much certainty that it can be said either Augustus himself, or someone under his direction, had an influence on the images that appeared on his coins.

This mastery of propaganda was not lost on his successors. His approach to coinage would be oft imitated. Much of the succeeding five centuries of Roman coinage under the emperors would owe their stylistic themes to the coinage of Augustus. While the man himself was incredible, the coinage issued in his name sheds great light into his genius. Where the imperatorial period saw great change in coinage, the imperial period under Augustus saw great stabilization. If you want to really understand Roman Imperial Coinage you need to understand the coinage of Augustus. He was the man that in many senses set the table for the next five centuries of Roman coinage design.

Important Dates

August	**8-12**	ANA in Milwaukee - 116th Annual Convention - *our regular monthly meeting is postponed one week to avoid a scheduling conflict*
August	**15**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Marc Stackler on *Coinage from the Mexican War of Independence, 1810-1821*
September	**12**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Dennis Ciechna on *National Banknotes & Memorabilia from the Lawndale National Bank*

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Minutes of the 1064th Meeting

The 1064th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held August 15, 2007, a week later than normal to accommodate the American Numismatic Association Convention in Milwaukee. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM with President Robert Feiler in the 6th floor conference room, Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn. In attendance were 26 members and 1 guest, Svetlana Mefford.

The July Minutes as published in the *Chatter* were approved as written. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported July income of $310.00, expenses of $250.00 (Dec. banquet deposit) with $11,117.77 in total assets. He also announced that Kevin and Sharon Blocker donated $400.00 to be evenly split between postage for the *Chatter* and December banquet costs. Carl Wolf reported sales of $60.00 in the Club's CICF souvenir cards at the recent Milwaukee ANA convention. The applications for membership of Leroy Gayden and Steven Ambos received second readings and separate motions were made and passed to accept them into the Club.

First Vice President Jeff Rosinia introduced Marc Stackler, the featured speaker for the evening. Following his presentation *A Numismatic Overview of the Mexican War of Independence, 1810-1821*, he was presented with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club medal.

Second Vice President Lyle Daly directed the exhibitor portion of the evening with members showing many purchases from the recent ANA Convention. ROBERT KULYS: from Lithuania 5 silver proof coins and a 200 litas coin; DON DOOL: bronze coins from Araucania & Patagonia, Dutch city of Elburg and Italian city of Casale; EUGENE FREEMAN: 6 coins including 2 German notgeld, a 1944 proof set from The Philippines, 1930 coin from Iceland, a Portuguese coin struck for the Azores and an ancient Roman denarius; JASON FREEMAN: a 2007 Jamboree Scouting coin, an autographed $10 bill from the BEP booth at the ANA Convention and a Polish coin honoring the breaking of the enigma code; ROBERT FEILER: box medal made of German coin with 24 interleafed 4-color WWI scenes from the German front; MARK WIECLAW: numismatic memorabilia from the ANA convention, a silaqua of Constantius

II, a steel plated 1944 Lincoln cent in a bottle, and a 1964 Kennedy half dollar promoting the Illinois Tollway; SHARON BLOCKER: 3 proof world coins and acrylic block with the image of Liberty from the Mercury dime; WINSTON ZACK: Bust halves, Morgan dollars and a Roosevelt dime; STEVE ZITOWSKY: 4 Medieval coins with exceptional detail and decoration on the holders; ROBERT WEINSTEIN: 6 coins from Parata Raja; JOHN RILEY: British Boy Scout coin and 3 world coins that never circulated; ROBERT LEONARD: imitation and genuine Venetian ducat of Giovanni Gradenigo and 2 huckleberry tokens from Heflin, Alabama; LYLE DALY: 2 subscription series dollars from Australia, 1990 un-circulated $50 federal reserve note, and 1935 20-centavo. SVETLANA MEFFORD showed 4 silver proof coins from the Soviet Union and asked members for any information they could share.

Under old business it was announced that reservations are in place for the December 12th banquet at Marcello's Restaurant, 645 W. North Ave., Chicago. Under new business Phil Carrigan announced the publication of *Canadian Numismatic Bibliography* in a 1200-page, 2-volume set. Carl Wolf called for members to exhibit and/or deliver a program at the Illinois Numismatic Association Coin Show, September 7-9 in Countryside. It was also announced that the Central States Numismatic Society will hold their annual coin show in Rosemont in the spring of 2008. Members were encouraged to begin preparing exhibits. Sharon Blocker spoke on how much she and Kevin enjoyed meeting many people at the Milwaukee ANA Convention.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

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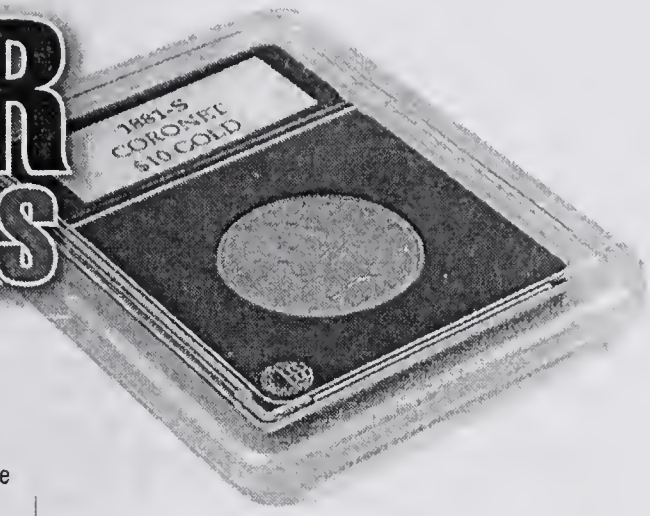

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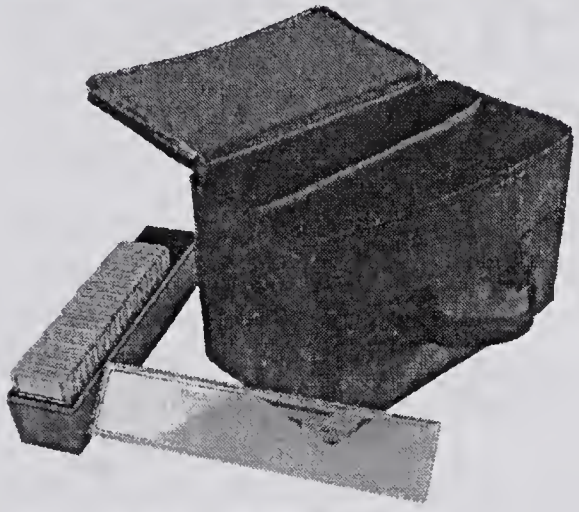

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Speaker's Wor[l]d
Coinage from the Mexican War of Independence, 1810-1821

presented to our August 15, 2007 meeting by Marc Stackler

Marc started with an overview of the situation in New Spain in 1810. The rigid class structure gave power to those born in Spain, provided few opportunities for those locally born to Spanish parents (the *creoles*), and offered even less to those of mixed Spanish and native ancestry (the *mestizos*); the natives were at the bottom. Only a single newspaper was allowed in all of New Spain; the church and Spanish-appointed government held all power. But this system was about to change, starting at the very top.

After Napolean invaded Spain, he placed his brother on the throne. While those ruling New Spain were distracted by the political situation at home, the local-born populace did not remain silent. Some of the ostensibly social and literary meeting groups likely discussed politics quietly; some possibly even planning rebellion. A riot in the province of Guanajuato turned into an insurection under Father Miguel Hidalgo, moving from town to town, looting, and killing Spaniards, while moving towards Mexico City. Although no Spanish army garrison protected the capitol, the mob, weakened by a hard vicyory, was turned back by an arriving Spanish army and was never again that close to Mexico City. It was bloody, scorched earth fighting on both sides, with both sides securing some provinces. Mints opened in Republican provinces starting in 1811; Loyalists opened provincial mints reluctantly, sending dies from the mint in Mexico City. Marc then showed some pieces.

A cast 1813 8 reales from Chihuahua, has obverse countermarks of a "T" and pillars of Hercules topped by a pomegranate. The obverse of some pieces from Zacatecas shows two hills near the town, and the L.V.O. is for "Labor conquers all." The reverse is similar to the traditional reverse, which seems strange until one realizes that many rebels, while against rule from Spain, favored a local emperor in Mexico. The legend on some early rebel pieces translates as Fernando VII by the grace of god. A subsequent congress identified the monarch as Fernando by the authority of congress, and another congress, tired of waiting for Fernando's return to the throne, declared for a constitutional monarch.

The 1811-1813 period wa the high water mark of the rebellion. After Hidalgo was captured and executed, Morales was put in charge of the southern areas. He had little silver, so he coined copper pieces redeemable in silver after

success. These pieces are common from 1813 and 1814, and the design elements include "SUD," the date, a bow and arrow, and Morales' monogram (the letters J and M, sharing a common upright). Later pieces include a floral pattern, possibly grapes or olives. Silver coins were struck when a silver cache was found in a taken town.

By 1815, Morales was on the defensive, and he was captured while protecting the retreating congress. Most rebels laid down their arms to take advantage of the viceroy's offer of amnesty. The ensuing years were quiet, and Fernando was back on the throne by 1820. Plans were made and troops gathered in Spain to reclaim the colonies, but officers bound for South America revolted in January, 1821. The viceroy in Mexico City sent General Iturbide south to root out the rebels; instead, he negotiated with the rebels, became the leader of the rebels, and marched the combined forces back on the Viceroy. With the search for a House of Bourbon ruler unsuccessful, his troops made Iturbide emperor.

It took a few more years to sort out everything, from Fernando's return to the throne, his repudiation of the viceroy's treaty, and the Spanish soldiers still stationed in Mexico. The years of war that resulted in Mexico's independence from Spain were marked by harsh fighting and shifting goals; fascinating for coin collectors, but tragic for Mexico.

Birthday and Year Joined

October 13	Bernard L. Schwartz	1986
October 14	Joel J. Reznick	1981
October 14	Warren G. Schultz	
October 17	Margo Russell	
October 17	Joseph Boling	2006

Important Dates

September 7-10 Illinois Numismatic Association Convention at the Park Place Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL.

September 8 **Educational Program** at the Illinois Numismatic Association Convention at the Park Place Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL. Take I-55 to LaGrange Road Exit 279 North, go 1.2 miles, turn left on Joliet Road, go 2 blocks and it's on the south side of Joliet Road — a tall black building, with the entrance at the rear of the building.

All programs will be held on the stage.

Noon	Paul Robertz	**Collecting a U.S. Type Set**
1 PM	Phil Carrigan	**Collecting Barber Coinage**
2 PM	John Wright	**Collecting U.S. Silver Dollars & Their Ancestors**

September 12 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Dennis Ciechna on *National Banknotes & Memorabilia from the Lawndale National Bank*

October 10 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

November 14 CCC Meeting - Club Auction - no featured speaker

December 12 CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

Our 1065th Meeting

Date: September 12, 2007

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Featured speaker: Dennis Ciechna - *National Banknotes & Memorabilia from the Lawndale National Bank*

Dennis Ciechna recently rejoined the Chicago Coin Club. As a youth Dennis was introduced to coin collecting by his grandfather, a close friend of I.T. Kopicki, a primary Club official for forty years. Kopicki was an officer of the Lawndale Bank, signed some of their National Bank Notes and is credited with giving the Club lifetime free checking. Kopicki also mentored young Ciechna, allowing him to come into the bank and examine rolls of coinage. Join Ciechna as he shares old photos of the Bank's interior, the employees and its National Bank Notes.

Show and Tell

Items shown at our August 15, 2007 meeting.

1. **Robert Kulys** showed Lithuanian coins from a recent series honorng early rulers of Lithuania. The mintages for this multi-year series range from 4,000 to 6,000, which is a large amount for this country. The following proof silver 50 *litas* pieces were shown:
    - Archduke Mindaugas, 1990.
    - Archduke Gediminas, 1996.
    - Archduke Algirdas, 1998.
    - Archduke Kestutis, 1999.
    - Archduke Vytautas, 2000.

   A 200 *litas* gold and silver piece from 2003, honoring the crowning of Mindaugas, completed Robert's presentation.
2. **Don Dool** showed three items acquired at ANA in Milwaukee:
    - An 1874 two centavos piece from the Kingdom of Araucania and Patagonia. The kingdom was established by a Frenchman;

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he was sympathetic to the local Indians who declared him king. He fought Chile and Argentina, and lost. The piece was won in an April auction, but delivered at ANA.
    - A half duit from the Dutch city of Elburg dated 1618 — or is it? Neumann lists four: from 1616, from 1621, and two undated. Some think that the characters are not the date 1618, but are "16 1S" representing "16 make one stuyver."
    - A 20 florins 1630 siege coin from the Italian city of Casale while it was occupied by the French and besieged by the Spanish during the war of successiuon of Mantua.
3. **Eugene Freeman** had fun at ANA in Milwaukee, and he had an assortment of pieces to show.
    - A four-piece 1994 Philipine proof set for the 50th anniversary of "I shall return."
    - 1919 and 1920 notgeld in aluminum and iron from Minden, Germany, featuring the skeleton of a cave bear.
    - A 200 mark notgeld in porcelain from Wildbad, Germany, featuring a boar. Due to their fragility, porcelain pieces were intended more for collectors than for any circulation.
    - Two of the three-coin 1930 set from Iceland, for the thousandth anniversary of the *Althing*, their local legislative body.
    - A 1930 50 centavos from Portugal — struck for use in the Azores, explaining the low mintage of 100,000.
    - A Roman denarius of Otho as augustus, with no reverse inscription and only a partial obverse legend present.
4. **Jason Freeman** showed some recent acquisitions:
    - While attending the recent Scout Jamboree, one of its medals.
    - A Polish coin commemorating the cracking of the Enigma code.
    - From the ANA in Milwaukee, a $10 bill signed by the engraver.
5. **Bob Feiler** did not make it to Milwaukee for the ANA, but he still had a new box medal to show. It is a duplicate of a piece he showed us some years ago; made out of a Ludwig III king of Bavaria medal, its 24 four-color inserts (rondells) feature military personnel and scenes from World War I.
6. **Mark Wieclaw** showed a range of items:
    - From the shop, 1964 Kennedy half dollar in a sealed plastic pouch, courtesy of the Illinois Tollway.
    - A good luck U.S. 1944 steel cent in a pinch bottle.
    - A siliqua of Constantius II from the Antioch mint. It is anipigraphic — without legends.
    - Mark was there when the Elongated Collectors met at ANA in Milwaukee, and he showed us some of their souvenirs: one of a hundred badges (an elongated Wisconsin quarter), and one of 50 enameled elongated Washington dollars.
    - "1793 large cents" both regular and elongated from Kevin

Lipton — actually one-sided give-aways.
    - A Chester Krause medal from the Numismatic Ambassador breakfast.
7. **Sharon Blocker** showed some 2007 items:
    - A 2007 silver and gold plated piece from Mongolia; the design features a primate.
    - A 2007 $5 from Palau, featuring an oyster with a pearl.
    - A 2007 20 euro from Austria, featuring a steam train.
    - The *2008 World Coins*, on DVD instead of three printed volumes. That led to a brief discussion of print and electronic versions.
8. **Winston Zack** showed some purchases from ANA in Milwuakee:
    - A 1954 toned Roosevelt dime.
    - An 1881-S Morgan dollar; proof-like on the reverse, and with toning.
    - An 1887 dollar with blue toning near part of the rim.
    - An 1814 bust half dollar struck from clashed dies.
    - A lustrous 1826 bust half dollar.
9. **Steve Zitowsky** showed some items from ANA in Milwaukee. The markings on the holders indicate that most were from the same collection.
    - A silver piece from Pfalz Neuburg, from 1508-1548, bearing busts of two Counts. The previous owner had placd much information onto the 2-by-2 cardboard holder, including hand-drawn shields and crests in color.
    - A bronze dinheiro of 1279-1323 from Portugal.
    - An English silver penny from 1246-1272.
    - A bronze piece from the Crusader Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem.

    From the handwriting on the holders, Bob Leonard identified these as being from the George Fisher collection. The general feeling is that this is how to collect coins!
10. **Bob Weinstein** showed a number of coins from an obscure Indian dynasty, issued from late in the first century BC up to the second cntury AD. These were first identified in the 20th century from only three coins; by 1972, only eight coins were available for research, but more now are listed in Senior's work. Coins from the older part of the series use the Kharosty alphabet, with the more recent coins using the Brahmin system.
    - A copper piece of the Parata Raja Spajhama with a swastika.
    - A silver half drachm of the Parata Raja Spajhana, the son of Spajhama. The legend is in a localized variant of the alphabet.
    - A fouree (contemporary counterfeit) of the above coin, but with a nicer portrait and a cruder legend.
    - A silver half drachm of the Parata Raja Bhimajhunasa, thought to be the successor to Spajhana. Swastika on the reverse.

- A silver quarter drachm of the Parata Raja Mirahvara; the small size does not allow for the swastika, but the king's name is present along with the name of his father.
- A silver drachm of the Parata Raja Mirahvara.
- A silver half drachm of the Parata Raja Yolamira, the grandfather of Mirahvara.

11. **John Riley** showed pieces from ANA in Milwaukee, starting with a Boy Scout commemorative, struck in copper nickel by the British Royal Mint, in a nice pamphlet. Then he showed WW2-era coinage intended for circulation but never did:
    - A Vichy France 1941 5 franc with Marshall Petain.
    - A 1941 Sarawak 1 cent with Rajah Brooke; most were lost on a torpedoed transport ship.
    - A 1944 Japanese 10 sen for Netherlands East Indies. A puppet is featured on this tin piece.
12. **Bob Leonard** continued some previous exhibiting themes with:
    - A worn Venetian ducat of Doge Giovanni Gradenigo, 1355-1356. From the "Gypsy Hoard" dated to at least 1750, this worn and bent coin is the first of this piece Bob ever saw available.
    - An imitation of the previous piece, larger but thinner than the original. This piece came from a different hoard, found in Hungary and dated to at least 1382, that contained three duplicates of this piece.
    - Two huckleberry picker tokens from Heflin, Alabama circa 1900-1926. Good for ten cents, they carry the name of Atkins & Owens Merchants.
13. **Lyle Daly** showed some acquisition from ANA in Milwaukee:
    - A 1935 20 centavos from Mexico; common, but nicely and uniformly toned.
    - A 2006 Australian subscription series dollar featuring a Spanish Pillar Dollar dated 1758. This series commemorates the international currency of early Australia.
    - A 2007 Australian dollar from the same series, this features a Portuguese gold "Joe" dated 1723. Around 1800, governor King assigned values to foreign coins.
    - From a local bank, a 1990 $50 Federal Reserve note in surprising nice condition.

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Minutes of the 1065th Meeting

The 1065th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held September 12, 2007 at Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, Downtown Chicago. President Robert Feiler called the meeting to order at 7 PM with 17 members and 2 guests in attendance. Guests were Barbara Ciechna and Pete Mlot.

The August Minutes published in the *Chatter* were approved as printed. The Secretary read correspondence from collectors in India and London. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky's report of September income $736.00, expenses $233.48 and total assets of $11,620.29 was approved as reported.

First V.P. Jeff Rosinia introduced the evening's featured speaker, Dennis Ciechna who gave a program *National Banknotes & Memorabilia from the Lawndale National Bank*. Following a question and answer period Jeff presented Dennis with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club medal.

Second V.P. Lyle Daly directed the exhibiting portion of the meeting. Exhibitors were: DON DOOL — a wooden double eagle from Strowger Coin Club (Northlake, IL) with associated information, medal commemorating the 1927 inauguration of San Martin bust at Zapala and an 1834 pattern or test strike Chilean un peso in copper; DAVID G GUMM — U.S. large cents 1820/19 and 1825; ROBERT FEILER — an 1855 U.S. $3.00 gold coin converted into a pin, 9 pence and 4 shilling currency from 1777 Pennsylvania; MARK WIECLAW — a small tobacco grinder made to look like a roll of Eisenhower dollars, ancient coins from Bactria, Metapontum and Tarentum; ROBERT LEONARD — the book *The Case for Gold* by U.S. Rep. Ron Paul and Lewis Lehrman and a $20 "Liberty Dollar" with Paul's bust; STEVE ZITOWSKY — 1925 Norse American Centennial Medal and 1833 Liberian 1-cent of American Colonization Society; DAVID SIMPSON — 1811 20-pence Fleet Bank in England note; STEVE AMBOS — 1817 Pillar dollar and 1835 East India Co. 1/12 anna; ANDY PLIOPLYS — recovered 12th century silver grivna lost last year; LYLE DALY — 2 Byzantine folles and national banknote from First National Bank of Oak Park.

It was announced that the Club's current meeting room is scheduled for reconstruction. Following a report by several members who visited the meeting facilities at the Chicago Bar Association, a motion was passed to move the October and November meetings to this new location at a cost of $90 per meeting. The CBA is located at 321 S. Plymouth Court and the 3rd floor meeting room name is Katten Muchin Koseman. To the immediate south of the CBA building is the Plymouth Restaurant with standard sandwiches, burgers and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. And immediately to the south of the restaurant is a parking ramp with a $12.00 evening rate.

It was announced that the Central States Numismatic Society and the Chicago International Coin Fair will hold 2008 coin shows in Rosemont on succeeding weekends of April 16-19 and April 24-27. More information concerning the December banquet at Marcello's Restaurant will be available in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

Birthday and Year Joined

November	2	Alexander Basok	1998
November	3	John Riley	2004
November	5	Phyllis Johnson	1987
November	8	Brian A. Heil	1981
November	9	Eric Schmidt	2007
November	24	Jeffrey F. Bernberg	1975
November	26	Robert Slobins	2007
November	27	Robert Feiler	1994

Speaker's Wor[l]d
Ignatius T. Kopicki, The Lawndale National Bank of Chicago, and Me

by Dennis Ciechna
presented to our September 12, 2007 meeting

I.T. was born January 31, 1903 in Chicago and went to work for The Lawndale National Bank in 1925. It was around time that he met my paternal grandfather James A. Ciechna (B.1891). My grandfather was in the insurance and real estate business and he banked at Lawndale National Bank and that tradition was carried down to my dad, Gregory (B.1916), and to me. I have had a checking account at LNB since 1960. My mother told me she went to the bank when she was pregnant with me. This story was also given to me by my grandmother Ella who knew I.T. from the early days as well. My grandmother worked for my grandfather and knew the bank well. I was introduced to him as Mr. Kopicki, but as I got older, he told me "my friends call me I.T." Until his death his many friends called him I.T.

I.T. Kopicki was very active in the numismatic community and held a membership in a number of local and national organizations.

American Numismatic Association:
He joined the ANA on Feb 1, 1925 with number #2788 and was sponsored by James T. Kelley, a Dayton, Ohio dealer, and George F. Brown. He listed his occupation back then as a "bank clerk" with Lawndale National Bank. He was National Coin Week Chairman in 1955 and used Coin Week to showcase his collection in the bank. He would put up 10-15 cases of material, both coin and paper, and the armed bank guards kept a close eye on the collection. I spent some time after the bank closed helping him set up and take down. It was a very interesting task for a young kid such as my self.

Central States Numismatic Society:
I.T. was Secretary *pro-tem* in 1939, President in 1942-1947 and Medal of Merit Recipient in 1957.

Chicago Coin Club:
He was President 1947-1948, Secretary 1939-1941 and again in 1961. He was the Medal of Merit Recipient in 1956 and was awarded the Literary Award in 1963.

Society of Paper Money Collectors:.
According to Bob Cochran, the May/June 2007 *Paper Money* magazine has a

picture of IT Kopicki, as well as one of him and R. Edward Davis. These pictures and facts were researched by Tim Kyzivat and I acknowledge their contribution to this paper. In this issue was a picture of a 1902 $5, $5, $5, $5 uncut sheet signed by I.T. Kopicki that had surfaced in the early 1970s. Apparently the Assistant Cashiers of the bank were given the opportunity to sign the 1902 series notes of the bank as "souvenirs" because other sheets feature different "Assistant Cashiers."

The notes that were shown (courtesy of Heritage Auctions) with Mr Kopicki's signature included a sheet of $5s which brought $8625 at a recent Heritage FUN Auction. Bob Cochran was never able to find a photograph of Mr. Kopicki — none had previously appeared in the pages of *Paper Money*. But thanks to some great detective work by Tim Kyzivat — who himself served as SPMC Treasurer — we can finally look at the image of the ONLY member of the Society of Paper Money Collectors who signed large size National Currency.

The photograph Tim found pictured IT with another prominent Chicago area collector, who also made solid contributions to the study of paper money. He was Dr. R. Edward Davis, who wrote "Early Illinois Paper Money" which appeared in the Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine. It was reprinted in booklet form and contains a "Check List of Early Illinois Paper Money" compiled by D.C. Wismer and Lee F. Hewitt.

I have spoken to Bob Cochran and Tim Kyzivat and thank them for their help in this paper. I do though have some additions to Bob's article. As I mentioned before, I spent many week nights and Saturdays looking at coins in the old drive thru window room and along side the cashiers when they counted the coins and paper money. I had a paper route in the early days and delivered the Chicago Tribune, Daily News, Herald American and several Polish and Bohemian newspapers. The proceeds from this job were put into coins and school; coins being in first place. The local papers were the Dziennik Chicagoski (The Polish Daily News), the Denní Hlasatel (Daily Bohemian Herald), and The Svornost. From 1929 to 1930, more than 30 Chicago banks went out of business. In addition, more than 100 banks sought to strengthen themselves through mergers. In 1931, the collapse of Sam Insull-related securities spread through the banking community, with runs

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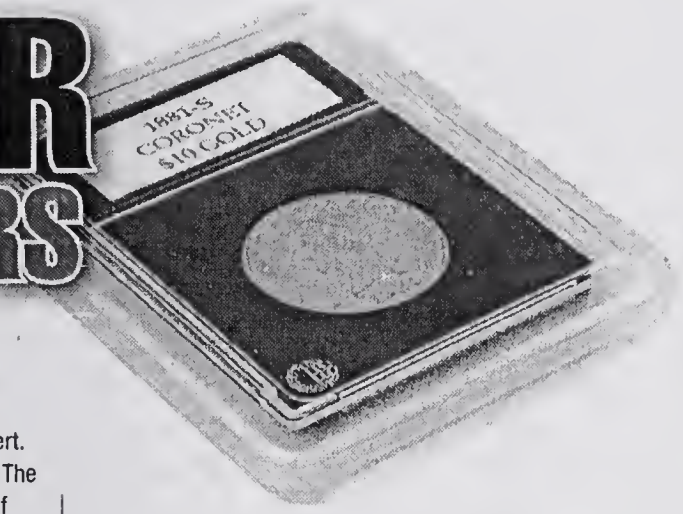

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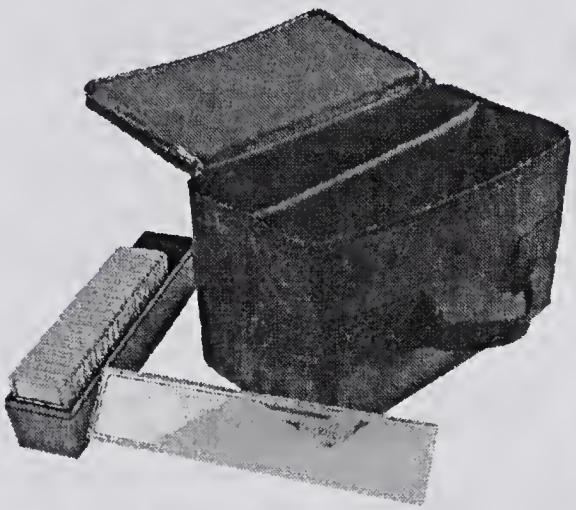

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forcing 25 banks to close in a matter of days. Research has suggested that most of the failures between 1930 and 1933 resulted more from weakening portfolios related to government securities they held than to declining real-estate prices that might indicate poor management of mortgage lending.

One of the reasons I think that allowed the Lawndale Bank to remain open was the help provided them by Tony "Pushcart" Cermak. He was born Anton Josef Cermak on May 9, 1893 in Kladno, Czech Republic; he received that nickname while working in the Chicago stock yards, but I doubt many called him that later in life. He was President of the Cook County Board from 1922-1931, Mayor of Chicago April 7, 1931 to March 1933 and was said to have amassed a $7 million fortune due mainly from shrewd real estate investments. He and the Cook County Board had money at LNB and kept it afloat during the hard times. This info came from my grandmother; she always told me what a kind man Tony was. He was shot on February 15th in Miami, Florida and died three weeks later on March 8, 1933; the assassin was possibly linked to Al Capone. Cermak was shot while at a political affair with President Roosevelt. Cermak Road in Chicago was so named to honor the only foreign born mayor of Chicago.

I.T. died in September of 1970 leaving behind his wife Pearl and his father. Pearl remained active in the clubs until her death in 1992 or so. The article in *Paper Money* alludes to the notes being signed in the 1970s, but IT was gone by then. It is my first hand knowledge that the remaining unsigned notes were signed in the mid to late 1960s, and kept in the vault as "cash on hand." These notes were sold when the second or third set of owners learned of their value. The original owners of the bank were Rudolph Hajicek, Frans Hajicek, Joseph Salar and Joseph Kopecky. The early notes are mostly signed by Hajicek/Salar; my guess is they were signed when the bank opened in 1912. Anthony Kopecky, Riverside, was the son of Joseph Kopecky, whose signature is on some of the bills alongside I.T. Kopicki's. Tony Kopecky was also an owner of the bank and a contemporary of I.T. Kopicki.

The bank has been known by other names during it lifetime: The Lawndale Trust and Savings Bank (1973 Urban P. Meyers, President), Lawndale Little Village, and now TCF BANK.

National Bank Notes

National Bank notes were issued from 1863 to 1929 by about 14000 banks in the US and its territories. There were three charter periods and the last bank to receive a charter was number 14320.

The LNB was chartered in August 1912 and given the Charter number 10247. This means the bank was created in the third charter period. The bank originally issued large sized sheets of "Date Back 1902-1908" National Bank Notes in $5,-$5,-$5,-$5 and then sheets of Date Back notes in

$10,-$10,-$10,-$20. Additional $5 notes were printed with "Plain Back" design. In 1929, large size notes were discontinued and the small size notes we have today came into existence.

Don Kelly's June 2007 reference work lists a total of 217 notes on this bank; there are 83 large size and 134 small size notes. This is a close number but some of what you will see today are not in Don's census. There are three $5 1902 Date Back large size notes recorded from the bank and you will see two of them today.

There are a total of four serial #1 notes and you will see two of them today. There are 12 large size and 9 small size sheets in Don Kelly's census; some of the sheets you will see here today are not listed in that census.

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In closing, I would like to thank the following individuals: My wife Barbara for putting up with me for *** years, Ignatius T. Kopicki, Tony Kopecky, Charlie Knippen, Ed Stacey, Mort Mallis, Fred and Doris Bart, Harry Jones, Art Kagin, Chester Poderski, Cliff Mishler, Arlie Slabaugh, J Henri Ripstra, Fred Catalano, Glenn Smedley, Mike Powell, Ben Drieske, Tommy Ryan, Bob Cochran, Jim Grebinger, Lee Hewitt, Anna Schendorff, Kevin and Sharon Blocker, David Kelman, Irv and Mary Jones, Lyn Knight, Len Glazer, Allen Mincho, Steve Roach, Fred Schwan, Dr. Richard Doty, Barbara Gregory, Robert Hoge, Don Kelly, Gene Hessler, Dave Muschiatti, Rocio Rodriguez, and Pete Mlot.

CHESTER P. PODERSKI
1914-2007

Chester Poderski peacefully passed away in his sleep the morning of September 17, 2007 following several months of home hospice care.

Chet was born July 4, 1914 and graduated from Fenger High School. He lived most of his life in Chicago's West Pullman neighborhood. Chet built a home for his parents and cared for his mother until she passed away in 1987. Chet owned a restaurant then a tavern and liquor store on 120th Street. He also worked part-time in the family barber shop with his brother, Matthew. When Matthew suffered a series of debilitating strokes, Chet took over the business until it was sold. For the next 25-years Chet helped care for Matthew and his family. Chet officially retired in 1949 at 36-years of age, but he never stopped working.

Chet collected stamps when the counselor of his high school's stamp club encouraged him to try coin collecting. He looked through the coins taken in at

his father's barber shop and was soon hooked. Chet enjoyed the sights every Sunday at the 1933-34 Chicago's Century of Progress Exposition and budgeted $10.00 for every visit to buy medals, tokens and philatelic souvenirs.

Chet joined the Chicago Coin Club in 1956, became member 664 and was sponsored by Martin Vink. Chet ran a small bourse table at the Club meetings. Many members bought from his wide variety of sale items. Chet particularly enjoyed the give-and-take when negotiating a price. Chet served as a Director on the Club's Board of Governors and was a source for sound business advice. At Club special events, Chet was a frequent sponsor. For more than 20-years, Chet served as the auctioneer at the Club's annual auction. Between lots he entertained everyone with jokes often times laced with numismatic puns. His exhibits were often unusual and several times he received an honorable mention award. In 1970 Chet was the recipient of the Club's Medal of Merit.

Always the consummate dealmaker, Chet bid, albeit unsuccessfully, for the 1804 U.S. silver dollar at Chicago's 1956 American Numismatic Association Convention. Chet grew close to J. Henri Ripstra, a Charter member, and frequently gave him a ride home after club meetings. Chet credited Ripstra with educating him to the many facets of numismatics. It was no surprise when Chet came away with numerous items from Ripstra's estate auction in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Chet held membership in numerous clubs and social organizations in Chicago's south suburbs and northern Indiana. Funeral service and visitation was at the Thornridge Funeral Home, Dolton. Entombment was at Skyline Memorial Park in Monee, IL. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, his parents and brother, Matthew.

Carl Wolf

Important Dates

October	**10**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Stuart Kleven on *Pre-Coinage Currency and Ancient Scale Weights*
November	**14**	CCC Meeting - Club Auction - no featured speaker
December	**12**	CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

Show and Tell

Items shown at our September 12, 2007 meeting.

1. **Don Dool** introduced his first item by showing his 1962 lesson book *Fundamentals of Telephony* and pointing out 1891 patent pictures for the Strowger switch; customer-dialed phone calls were made possible with this switch manufactured by the Automatic Electric Company of Northlake, Illinois.
    - A recently acquired wooden double eagle from the Strowger Coin Club at that company, honoring its centennial meeting on September 8, 1970.
    - A San Martin medal acquired on eBay from a dealer in Southern Argentina. The medal, for the inauguration of a bust in Zapala on 25 May 1927, is not listed in catalogs.
    - From an Argentine dealer, an 1834 *un peso Santiago* weakly struck on a thin copper planchet instead of the usual silver. Don ventured that since the first copper coins for Chile were struck in 1835, these are possible trial strikes.
2. **David Gumm** showed some recently acquired large cents:
    - An 1825 N1 variety, acquired at ANA, slabbed by PCGS as XF40 but possibly an EAC 30.
    - An 1820/19 N1 variety, acquired at ILNA, sharply struck and grading VF20.
3. **Bob Feiler** did not attend ANA, but did attend ILNA where he acquired odd denomination pieces:
    - A nine pence Pennsylvania note from the April 10, 1777 series.
    - A four shilling Pennsylvania note from the same series, with the "To Counterfeit is Death" reverse by John Dunlap.
    - From Harlan Berk's on the way to the meeting, a VF 1855 $3 gold piece with a pin soldered on the reverse.
4. **Mark Wieclaw** showed a range of of items:
    - Mark thought he saw a stack of Eisenhower dollars while standing in line at a gas station, but it was a tobacco grinder with a metal cover stamped with a rough approximation of the original design.
    - A square Bactrian bronze coin (145-135 BC) with a bust of Zeus on obverse and two palm branches on reverse.
    - A silver stater from Metapontum with an ear of grain on the obverse and the same motif incuse on the reverse.
      A silver stater of Tarentum; the obverse shows Taros on a dolphin while holding a cuttlefish, and the reverse bears a hippocamp.

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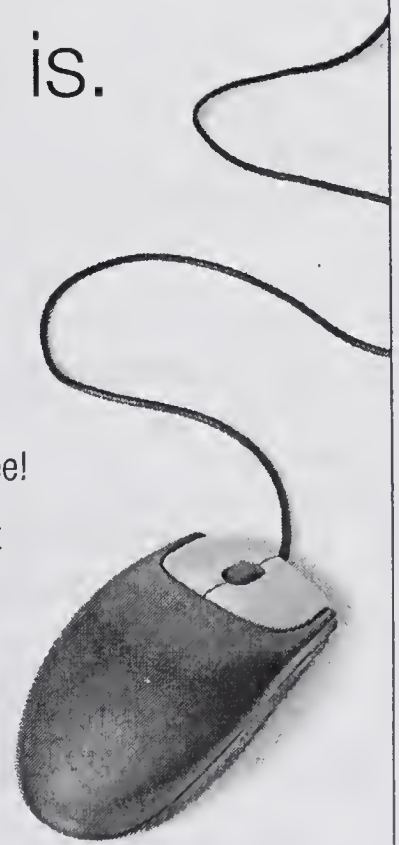

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5. **Bob Leonard** started by showing the 1982 book *The Case for Gold* by Representative Ron Paul and Lewis Lehrman; it argues for the gold standard and it mentions Bechtler's gold coinage. The Liberty Dollar people had a table at ANA where they were selling Ron Paul "dollars" in proof: the gold for $1000, the silver for $20, and the copper for $1; Bob showed us his silver piece.
6. **Steve Zitowsky** showed three disparate items acquired at ANA:
    - A 1925 Norse American Centennial medal, bearing the monogram of the designer James Earle Fraser.
    - A 1944 1/9 klippe taler of Salzburg; some luster is apparent.
    - An 1833 one cent pice for Liberia, from the American Colonization Society; its plan was to settle freed American slaves in Africa. Steve reviewed some attribution points used to identify the varieties: the ship's size, the number of rays, and the number of palm leaves.
7. **David Simpson** showed a very ratty looking British 20 pence note from May, 1811. At first glance it is a 20 pound note from the "Bank of England," but a close inspection shows it to be a 20 pence note from the "Fleet Bank in England" with word Fleet small enough to fit inside a corner loop of the B in Bank. Dave had this note for many years without finding any information on it — until an Internet search took him to a trial record detailed at the Procedings of the Old Bailey, 1811. We were tickled by such notable lines as the defence, "I picked the note up from dung!" and the sentence, "Six months in Newgate."
8. **Steven Ambos** showed some nineteenth century pieces:
    - An 1817 pillar dollar (8 reales) from the Mexico mint with J.J. as the assayer. It is scratched, possibly to verify that it was not silver plated copper.
    - An 1835 1/12 anna of the East India Company.
9. Two years ago, **Andy Plioplys** showed a collection of 12th century silver ingots (*grivna*)to our club. During December, 2005 he noticd that one was missing from his locked display case at home; someone had taken the second largest ingot and moved the remainder around. After examining the case, Andy determined that a sliding glass door could be lifted out, independent of the lock! He sent alerts to dealers, but nothing surfaced. A year later his wife, while vacationing in San Diego, visited an antique store and saw a similar piece.; the price was low, so she bought it. It matches photos of the stolen piece!
10. **Lyle Daly** showed a range of items:
    - New $1 notes with signature of Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson Jr.; series 2006.
    - A bronze follis of Basil II from Constantinople; no details on the face of Christ are seen, as is typical.
    - A bronze follis of Michael IV from Constantinople with the same lack of facial details.

- A large size $5 plain back note, featuring Benjamin Harrison on the face and the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock on the back, from the First National Bank of Oak Park (charter number 11507). A newspaper article from Saturday, September 25, 1920 is about the new bank building, includes photos of the bank, and lists the bank's officers. Lyle concluded with a recent photo of the building, now used as an office building, with a "Soap Opera Village" next to it.

Our 1066th Meeting

Date:	October 10, 2007
Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Downtown Chicago NEW LOCATION !!!! At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: **everyone** must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* To the immediate south of the CBA building is the Plymouth Restaurant with standard sandwiches, burgers and salads for members who want to meet for dinner.
Featured speaker:	Stuart Kleven - *Pre-Coinage Currency and Ancient Scale Weights* The presentation addresses the development of weight standards that lead to the use of coinage. Weight standards take on many forms and many different materials. Numerous photos of different weights will be shown. The relationship of weights to commerce and trade will be reviewed.

Call for Club Auction Lots
November 14, 2007

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Minutes of the 1066th Meeting

The 1066th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order October 10, 2007 at 7 PM by President Robert Feiler with 18 members and 1 guest (featured speaker) present. The meeting was held at the new location Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd Floor, Downtown Chicago.

The September Minutes as published in the *Chatter* were approved as printed. Members asked for more detailed directions in future Chatters to find Plymouth Court since it's a small, infrequently used street. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky's report was approved as read showing September income of $43.79, expenses $93.59 and total assets of $11,570.49.

Members stood for a minute of silence in memory of long-time member Chester Poderski.

Stuart Kleven delivered the featured program on *Pre-Coinage Currency and Ancient Scale Weights*. Following a question and answer session, Stuart was presented with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved CCC medal.

Second V.P. Lyle Daly introduced the evening's exhibitors: DAVID GUMM — 1963 New Zealand penny, 1838 U.S. large cent tie-tack & 1829 U.S. large cent (N1-R3 XF45); DONALD DOOL – seven bronze coins from 16-17th century Europe; MARK WIECLAW – an 1851 $20 liberty gold pocket piece, three ancient Roman coins & a 1960 CCC barrel medal in 14kt. gold; ROBERT LEONARD – Judean stone weight, Ashanti gold dust scale, Aes Rude (c. 500 BC), cut silver bar (1400-587 BC) & Celtic cut gold bar (c 400 BC – 61 AD); ELLIOT KRIETER – Euro notes and coins from a recent European vacation; MARC STACKLER – three Mexican coins; STEVE ZITOWSKY - New Zealand token & 1906 U.S. Liberty-Head nickel with shattered surface; LYLE DALY – Fugio Cent, book on President Wm McKinley & 1901 Pan Am Expo elongated cent.

Under old business a motion was passed to donate $50.00 to the American Numismatic Association Library in the name of Club members who passed away in 2007. Robert Leonard volunteered to author the 2008 CICF souvenir

card on the subject of fur-money. Two mink collars purchased for $69 by Carl Wolf at recent yard sales would accompany each card and the Club authorized reimbursement.

Following Steve Zitowsky's report on the December 12th annual banquet costs a motion was made and passed to charge $25.00 per person. Bill Burd, Chicago Coin Company, and Mark Wieclaw volunteered to cover the cost of hors d'oeuvres.

A brief discussion was held regarding the 2008 April Chicago conventions held on consecutive weekends: Central States Numismatic Society (April 16-19) and the Chicago International Coin Fair (April 24-27).

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

Martin E. Vink
1916-2007

Martin Vink passed away Sunday, October 21, 2007 at the age of 91.

Marty was born May 10, 1916 and lived in West Pullman and later South Holland, Illinois. He was married to Irene Balla and they had two children, Janet and Martin.

Marty was a true numismatist and specialized in U.S. currency. He was a contributor in several currency catalogs and periodicals. He was a life long friend of Chet Poderski who passed away on September 17th. They would travel together to coin shows and local coin clubs including the Chicago Coin Club.

Marty joined the Chicago Coin Club in 1951, became member 564 and was sponsored by Glenn Smedley and Harry X Boosel. For a short time he was *Chatter* Editor for the CCC. He began collecting in 1949 and became a member of the American Numismatic Association shortly thereafter. He also belonged to several local coin clubs. Funeral services and visitation was at DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home in South Holland. Interment was at Mt Vernon Memorial Estates, Lemont, Illinois.

William A. Burd

Speaker's Wor[l]d
Pre-Coinage Currency and Ancient Scale Weights

presented by Stuart Kleven to our October 10, 2007 meeting

Stuart's interest in weights grew from his interest in Biblical coins. He recommends the book by David Hendin, *Ancient Scale Weights and Pre-Coinage Currency of the Near East*, published by Amphora in 2007.

Standards are as old and varied as ancient history. The Egyptian unit of length was the *cubit*; working cubits were made of wood, and were checked (at the full moon) against a master cubit made of granite. Stuart offered the base of a pyramid as an example of the accurate measurement of length: the four sides of the base differ by no more than 4½ inches, which is about 0.05% of their nominal length of 756 feet.

Although this appreciation for accuray carried over to local weight standards, the standards were just *localized.* As an example, Stuart mentioned the modern gram equivalent of the *mina*: 504 in Babylon, 470 in Ugarit, 570 in Judea, 436 in Greece, 450 in Phoenicia, and 517 in Rome.

Although local trading can accept bulky and cumbersome objects, long distance trading is easier when using smaller items. Bronze ingots in the shape of an ox-hide were one such item. Stuart showed pictures of some that had been recovered from a shipwreck off Cape Gelidonya, Turkey. Egyptian heiroglyphics from about 2500 BCE show ox-hide ingots.

The weighing of items is evident from the 3500 to 3000 BCE era in Egypt and Mesopotamia. Early civilizations typically used metals for weights, fashioned into various shapes and sizes. Pictures of tongue-shaped bronze ingots from the mid Bronze Age (2000 BCE) were just one of the items Stuart showed.

Over time, a set of weights ranging from small to large would develop in an area; over the span of centuries, the names of the most commonly used weights also were used as the name of *that weight of a particular metal.* As an example, the Judean weight system used a *talent* of about 34 kilograms, a *mina* of about 570 grams (60 mina in a talent), and a *shekel* of about 11.4 grams (50 shekels in a mina, or 3000 shekels in a talent). After the start of coinage, a common trade coin in the eastern Mediteranean contained a shekel of good silver, and that coin is known as a shekel.

Although there were many weight standards in the ancient world. there were

only a few methods of actually weighing an object. The simplest was by hand: hold a reference weight in one hand, and the object to be weighed in the other — obviously, this was not very accurate. Two pans suspended from the ends of a beam provided better accuracy: place the object to be weighed on one pan, and some reference weights on the other pan — add or remove reference weights until the pans balance. But this method was only as accurate as the reference weights.

What did the weights look like? Anything and everything — they are known shaped as a dome, barrel, animal, square, and more; they are known in metal and stone; and very few had markings! They are so nondescript that early archaeologists considered them knick knacks at best, and discarded them.

Without markings, how can a weight be identified as such? The object's weight must be near one of the standard weights for the area in which it was found. The context and provenance are important — without them an item can be identified only as *possibly* a weight of a particular standard. Some research has been performed on the composition of metal and stone weights from a particular area, but those reports are small and scattered.

Weighing continued well into the coinage era, and Stuart concluded his presentation with some Byzantine and Islamic weights.

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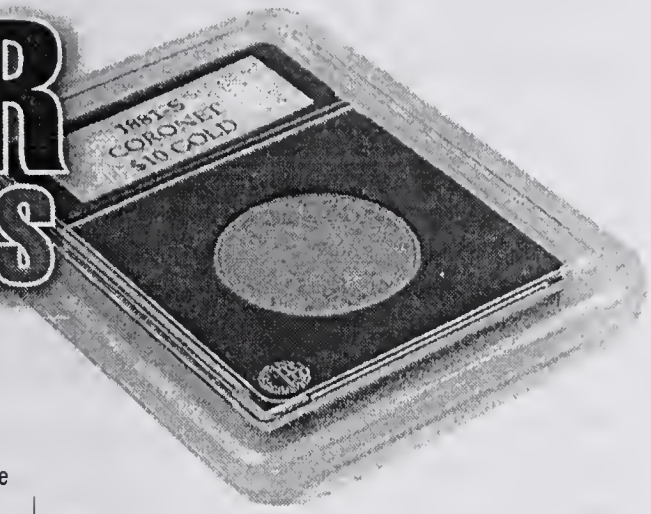

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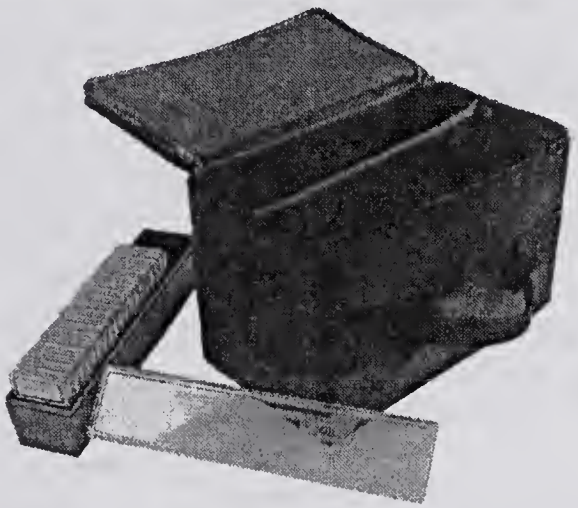

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Annual Member Auction

Here are the lots known to us by October 24, 2006. The auction will be held near the start of the meeting, after a short time for lot examination; consignments are accepted until the auction starts.

Consignment from Donald G. Tritt (former CCC Member):

1. American Numismatic Association lapel pin (early design) "Made by J. H. Ripstra" on back of pin.
2. Lincoln plaque by J.H. Ripstra, bronze, 31mm x 42mm. #150 on reverse, given to Donald G. Tritt by JHR.
3. Two Lincoln medals, by J. H. Ripstra, aluminum, 31mm x 42mm. Made for Central States Numismatic Society. One is silver in color and one gold in color.
4. Hawthorne Men's Club (Western Electric Company). One watch fob and one lapel pin. From the J.H. Ripstra Sale February 13-15, 1975.
5. Electrotype of a medal, 72mm, by Daniel Cochin (Swiss) (mid 1700s). Lot #1842 of the JHR sale.
6. Electrotypes of various coins and medals. American Institute, NY; One Cent; Washington Bicentennial; Roman theme; Ancient Head; Henry Clay; Woman in high relief. 7 pieces total. From the JHR Sale.
7. Uniface medal with fruit and mountain scene, 18mm x 86mm. Appears to be side panel for a pocket knife. From the JHR Sale.
8. Medal depicting athlete throwing ball with words Wright & Ditson-Victor Co. Trophy around outer portion, 40mm, (trial strike?), # 1054 on reverse. Also similar medal with baseball player, 35mm. 2 pieces total. From the JHR Sale.
9. Four miscellaneous trial strike medals depicting various themes. Lucky Dog Club; K of C Oom Pah; Spartan Club; Head of Indian in high relief. From the JHR Sale.
10. Presentation plaquette for "Distinguished Service in Saving Life" by Harley L. Clarke, President Utilities Power & Light Corporation. From the JHR Sale.
11. Military themed medal, brass, 29mm x 36mm. From the JHR Sale.
12. Good Luck Medal, 23mm x 43mm; also Gargoyle pendant from University of Michigan, 19mm x 21mm; also Enameled pin showing nurse and soldier with "To help and to heal Autocracy's doom to seal" around outer border. 3 pieces total from the JHR Sale.
13. Baseball player pendant, brass, 25mm; also Mercer H.S. Assoc 1916 pendant, brass, depicting runner, 28mm.
14. Portrayal of three figures, 16mm; Discus thrower, 15mm x 18mm; Man with 2 children — Mooseheart, 12mm x 14mm. 3 pieces total. From

the JHR Sale.

15. Classic Greek female watch FOB, 20mm x 46mm. From the JHR Sale.
16. Token with Washington & Lincoln facing each other, outer border is "International Philatelic Exhibition, New York 1926". Reverse "Guttag Bros. / Coins / send for selling list / New York". Brass, 30mm. From the JHR Sale.
17. Plaquette with bust of Thomas Jefferson. "1743 — 1826" at top with "Thos. Jefferson" at base. Uniface. 39mm x 54mm. From the JHR Sale.
18. Target Shooting Medal; trial strike; 36mm. #3219 on reverse. From the JHR Sale.
19. "Bob Colflesh for Governor" pin, 18mm; also enameled pin "CC of A / No accident" award, 16mm; also enameled pin, Masonic, 20mm; also enameled pin "Amos / We never sleep", 11mm. 4 pieces total. From the JHR Sale.
20. Columbus Mutual Life Insurance Company medal, holed, 31mm; also aluminum token "A / ACC", 20mm; also pendant "Mammoth Cave Kentucky" on reverse "I Bring Good Luck", 32mm. 3 pieces total. From the JHR Sale.
21. Oak Park Coin Club One Hundredth Meeting Medal dated May 8, 1959
22. Same as #21 above.

Consignment from Chet Poderski Estate:

23. "Chicago Coin Club Bullitin" (sic) May 1920, Vol 1 No. 4. W. F. Dunham, Editor. Ink has faded but a great early piece from the CCC.
24. November 1935 Chicago Coin Club unofficial bulletin issued by Lee F. Hewitt discussing the results of the 200th meeting and announcing the 201st meeting.
25. Same as #24 above.
26. 1936 Chicago Coin Club Bulletins Volume 1 No. 1 thru Volume 1 No. 4 complete for the year as issued.
27. Same as #26 above. No. 1 has a tear at the top. #2, 3, and 4 are soiled.
28. Chicago Coin Club Bulletins March 1937 Volume II No. 1 thru March 1942 Volume VII No. 1. Complete set consisting of 20 issues. Most issues are in fine to very fine condition.
29. Chicago Coin Club Bulletins June 1937 thru August 1940. Various issues — not complete. Consists of 8 issues generally in fine to very fine condition.
30. Chicago Coin Club Bulletin Annual Number 1949. Volume XI.
31. Chicago Coin Club By-Laws booklet dated February 14th 1919 however believed to have been issued later in 1919.
32. Membership List and By-Laws of the Chicago Coin Club September 1935.

33. Pamphlet on the Annual Banquet and Exhibit Chicago Coin Club May 1937. Pamphlet on the Annual Banquet and Exhibit Chicago Coin Club May 1938. Pamphlet on the Chicago Coin Club Fall Festival October 1961.
34. Chicago Coin Club early "Song Sheet" circ 1935. Each verse refers to a club member starting with President Henri Ripstra.
35. An original Numismatic Scrapbook, January 1935 Volume 1 No. 1. Also a reprint of No. 1 reproduced for the 37th Anniversary CSNS Convention Banquet on May 1, 1976 at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel.
36. Same as #35 above.
37. Numismatic Scrapbook, February 1936, Volume II No. 1.
38. Numismatic Scrapbook. Various issues from February 1937 thru November 1945. 10 issues total.
39. A set of brass tokens depicting the Presidents of the US from Washington thru Franklin D. Roosevelt. In a Book type box marked on spine "A Coin History of our Presidents" and "U.S.A. Liberty Edition".
40. Plaque of the U. S. Capital with flag flying above. Reverse states "Made from money redeemed and destroyed by U. S. Treasury" / "National Currency Souvenir" / "Amount Estimated $3,000" / "Washington, D.C."
41. Display with silver granules from the U.S. Treasury obtained thru redemption of a silver certificate 1967 — 1968. Also includes a $1.00 Silver Certificate.
42. Souvenir Transit Token Good For One Ride on Official ANA Tour at the 108th Anniversary Convention in Chicago in 1999. 8 pieces total. You are bidding on 1 piece only!!
43. (Proceeds to be donated to the Chicago Coin Club in memory of Chet Poderski.) Ceramic Medallion commissioned by Mark Wieclaw to commemorate the 1000th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club April 6, 2002. Only 100 made and given to attendees. To my knowledge this is the first one to appear in auction in the U.S. or abroad.

Consigned by member Casey Fadze:

44. Official ANA Grading Standards for US Coins, 5th Edition, 1996.
45. Coin World Almanac, Millennium Edition, 7th Edition 2000.
46. The Complete Guide to Barber Quarters, 2nd Edition, 1994 by David Lawrence.
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Show and Tell

Items shown at our October 10, 2007 meeting.

1. **David Gumm** showed some copper coins:
    - A 1963 New Zealand one penny, found at a small coin show while in Wisconsin on a fishing trip.
    - A tie tack made from a thinned 1838 US large cent.
    - An 1829 US large cent, of the N1 variety and grading XF-45.
2. **Don Dool** added six pieces to his Kipper and Wipper collection (small copper pieces that were heavily debased). He had placed bids on ten lots in a recent auction; of the 49 pieces now in his collection, 48 are dated.
    - A 1588 1 scherf from Hamburg. Although issued prior to the classic Kipper and Wipper era, it is the type of piece that would be freely minted in the era.
    - An undated (1589) 1 scherf from Hamburg.
    - A 1621 3 pfennig from Barby, Grafschaft.
    - A 1622 4 heller from Breslau, Bistum.
    - A 1622 1 pfennig from Küstrin, Brandenburg.
    - A 1621 3 pfennig from Mühlhausen, Stadt.
    - A 1622 4 heller from Würzburg, Bistum.
3. **Mark Wieclaw** started with some items from the store before showing some ancient coins.
    - A 1960 Chicago Coin Club "barrel" medal issued for the 500th meeting, in 14 carat gold.
    - A very well worn 1851 US $20 gold piece; it might grade GD-4, but it is just honest wear, probably from use as a pocket piece.
    - A gold solidus of Gratian, 367-383 AD. The reverse shows two seated emperors, Valentinian I and Valens, holding a globe between them.
    - An 201-202 AD denarius of Caracalla and Julia Domna. According to a die study by Curtis Clay, this dynastic issue uses a Caracalla die also used on the obverse of a different coin. Therefore, maybe this coin should be classified as a coin of Caracalla and not of Julia Domna..
    - A denarius of Elagabalus, 218-222 AD with the emperor in Syrian priestly dress on the reverse. The reverse die is altered; the star was originally placed behind the emperor; the star was removed from the die, leaving a blob; the star was engraved in front of the emperor.
4. **Bob Leonard** brought some items to complement the featured speaker, and then examined a possible case of buyer's remorse.

- An Ashanti gold dust scale.
- A Judean stone weight, "bought in a small shop in Jerusalem" offered as its only provenance.
- Three examples of pre-money: a Roman *aes rude* circa 500 BC, a finger-sized cut silver bar, and a fragment of a Celtic cut gold bar from England circa 400 BC to 61 AD.
- While going through his US material, Bob found an 1852 Type 1 gold dollar, grading AU and bought for $450 in early 1980. That is more than the current price, and he wondered how he could have made that mistake. A check of old Coin Prices turned up quotes of $420 in December of 1979, and $480 in January of 1980; he had bought at the top of the market.

5. **Elliot Krieter** shared some numismatic reminiscences from a short European vacation in September. The euro notes are more colorful than US paper money, and their largest note is for 500 euros; he showed us some of the smaller notes. The coins have a common obverse but each reverse identifies the country of origin; he showed us denominations of 1 euro, 20 cents, 10 cents, and 1 cent. He found the Swiss francs interesting, pointing out the edge lettering on a 1996 5 franc coin. Near the msuems and such in Paris, he stumbled upon the Paris mint; it was an hour too late for the tour so he settled for a brochure. The Paris Mint Museum of Money is next to the mint.
6. **Marc Stackler** showed three pairs of Mexican coins. One of each pair is the regular issue, while the other is something else.
   - In 1914 during the Mexican Civil War, a general ordered silver ore to be turned into coins. This was achieved by pouring molten silver into sand dies made from recent (1908) peso. The resulting piece is flat and porous, bearing a general resemblance to the genuine piece.
   - An enigmatic issue resembling a 1 centavo; not counterfeit, but we do not know who made it. From early in the revolution, it is styled upon the 1 centavo of Guanajuato, but the wreath is different and the obverse eagle does not have a head.
   - The 1954 5 centavos comes in two types: large bronze and small brass. Two varieties are known of the small brass piece: with a dot, and without a dot. Marc showed us a small brass piece with a dot on both sides; this is not mentioned anywhere.
7. **Steve Zitowsky** showed two unusual pieces:
   - A New Zealand farthing-sized token bearing the head of Queen Victoria; the legend is "British Transvaal War". The reverse shows a Maori warrior and the legend "Success to the New Zealand Contigent". The dates 1899-1900 are included.
   - An odd looking 1906 US Liberty Nickel. The planchet is covered by fine lines similar to the appearance of shattered glass. This appearance is new to Steve, and no one ventured an

opinion as to the cause.

8. **Lyle Daly** showed a range of US items:
    - A Fugio Cent, the first coins of the US under the Articles of Confederation. The contract to manufacture the coins was awarded to James Jarvis of New Haven, Connecticut, using copper provided by the government. The coinage was a failure, in part due to Jarvis' assistant embezzling some of the copper to make New Jersey copper coins.
    - An elongated cent from the Armour Company promoting Pure Leaf Lard, for the 1901 Pan American Exposition in Buffalo, New York.
    - A book on the life of William McKinley, including both his assassination at the Pan American Exposition and the trial of his assassin. The book was acquired at the Kane ounty Flea Market.

Important Dates

November 14 CCC Meeting - Club Auction - no featured speaker

December 12 CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

Birthday and Year Joined

December	1	Paul Robertz	2006
December	6	Allen H. Meyer	1990
December	7	Brian C. Stubbs	1980
December	10	Mike Gasvoda	1995
December	16	Michael Schmidt	2000
December	19	William Noble	1980
December	26	Kevin J. Blocker	2000
December	29	Nick Weiss	1996
December	30	Robert Graves	2006
December	31	Phillip J. Carrigan	1989

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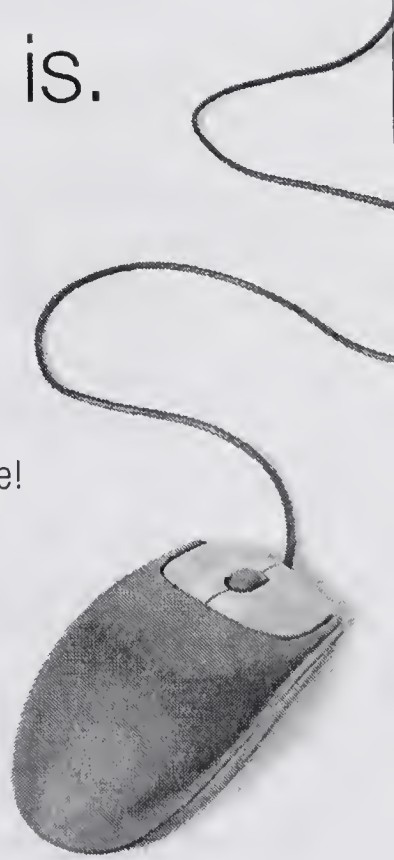

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Minutes of the 1067th Meeting

The 1067th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order November 14, 2007 at 7 PM by President Robert Feiler with 13 members and 1 guest, Richard Lipman, present. The meeting was held at the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd Floor, Downtown Chicago.

The membership stood for 1 minute of silence in memory of long-time member Marty Vink and past-member Arlie Slabaugh.

The October Minutes as printed in the *Chatter* were approved. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary read the Treasurer's report showing October income of $370.00, expenses $212.27 and total assets of $11,684.43. The report was approved as read.

Jeff Rosinia called the evening's auction which was called the Chester Poderksi Memorial Auction.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

Auction Results
November 14, 2007

These are the realized prices for the lots listed in the November *Chatter*; an additional lot was consigned just before the auction.

1	$25.00	15	23.00	26	40.00	38	50.00
2	6.00	16	13.00	27	30.00	39	25.00
3	9.00	17	8.00	28	100.00	40	34.00
4	3.00	14, 18	5.00	29	20.00	41	30.00
5	17.00	19	4.00	30	5.00	42	3.00
6	23.00	20	3.00	31	45.00	43	20.00
7, 8	6.00	21	1.00	32	30.00		
9	7.00	22	2.00	33	55.00	44	3.00
10	13.00			34	40.00	45	7.00
11	5.00	23	30.00	35	20.00	46	14.00
12	3.00	24	35.00	36	20.00	47	15.00
13	6.00	25	35.00	37	10.00	48	21.00

Our 1068th Meeting

Date: December 12, 2007

Time: 6PM to 7PM Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
7PM to 9 PM+ Dinner and Meeting

Location: Marcello's Restaurant, 645 West North Avenue, Chicago, IL 312-654-2560. Ample free parking is available in their parking lot. If public transportation is taken, it's just east of the North Avenue subway stop on the CTA Red Line.

Menu: The evening's hors d'oeuvres include teryaki chicken skewers w/Thai peanut sauce and spinach-mushroom pastry puffs. Dinner includes salad, homemade Italian bread, insalata Roma w/Italian dressing. Entrees include teryaki chicken, cheese tortellini w/marinara sauce, double-baked potato and grilled vegetables. Assorted gourmet brownies make up dessert.

The cost is $25.00 per person and reservations are required. Make

your check payable to Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690. If time is short, e-mail your reservation to carlwolfco@msn.com, or call 773-878-8979 during workdays and make arrangements to pay at the door. If you're delayed by traffic or weather, call the secretary's cell phone 773-771-1311.

A self serve table with soda and with White Zinfindel wine will be in the room. A sign will be posted with costs. A wide selection of other drinks can be purchased at Marcello's main bar down the hall.

A special thanks goes out to the following members who made donations to make the banquet more enjoyable. Kevin & Sharon Blocker — room deposit and dinner for the speakers. William Burd and Mark Wieclaw — hor d'oeuvres.

Program: Leonard Augsberger and Joel Orosz on *Images of the First Mint: The Numismatic Legacy of Frank H. Stewart*
In 1792, the newly formed American government commissioned its first building — the United States Mint on Seventh Street in Philadelphia. Over one hundred years later, Philadelphian Frank H. Stewart purchased the now worn out property, attempted to preserve it as a historical site, and in the end bowed to the interests of commerce and razed the building in order to erect a functional factory for his rapidly expanding electrical business. But Stewart was not a mercenary businessman hell bent on destroying history in order to progress the future. In the wake of the first mint excavation Stewart left behind a thoughtful trail of images and artifacts, which until now have never been thoroughly investigated. In this presentation we revisit the iconography and relics that Stewart not only preserved but promoted with much vigor, greatly desiring that the history of the first mint be shared with future generations, reflecting the vision of the Founding Fathers in creating this, the first building of the United States.

Agenda: Award Presentations

Important Dates

December 12 CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speakers - Leonard Augsberger and Joel Orosz on *Images of the First Mint: The Numismatic Legacy of Frank H. Stewart*

January 9 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

February 13 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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January 2	Al Sawyer	1999
January 12	Elliot Kreiter	2004
January 16	Michael Metras	
January 26	Jennie Sochon	1982

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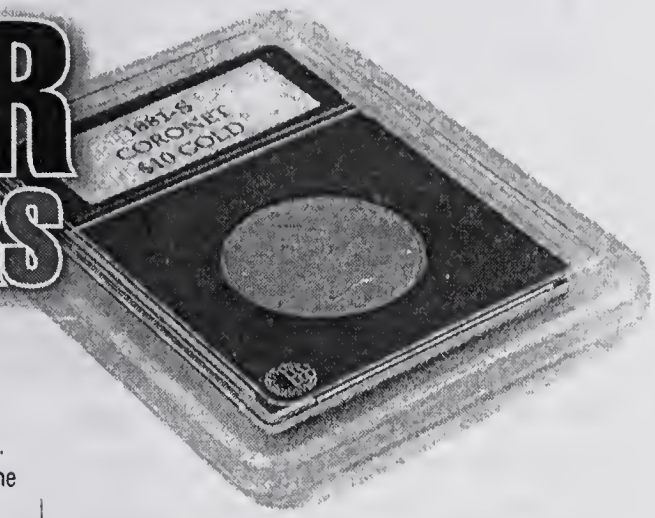

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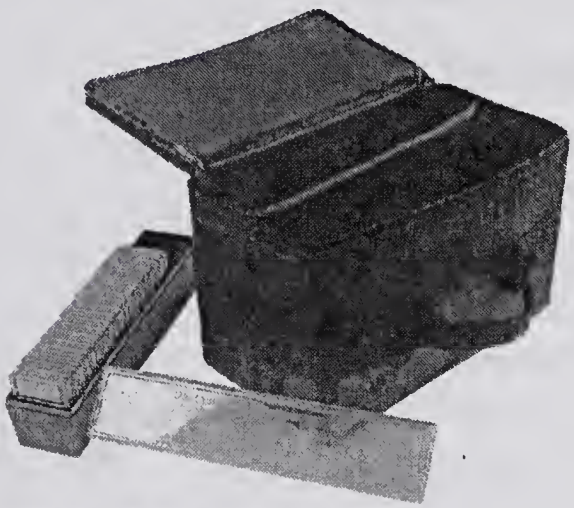

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